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TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1861

☞ We publish to-day the recent speech of J. T. Boyle at Stanford. The speech breathes throughout the highest and most fervent spirit of patriotism.

It is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Boyle is one of the most earnest and unflinching Unionists in the State. Yet we do not know that he deserves quite so much credit for his indomitable loyalty some others may deserve. The son of the illustrious head of the "Old Court" party, which on an issue of less magnitude immeasurably than the one now raised by the secessionists amongst us fought and won the battle of constitutional sovereignty in our proud old Commonwealth nearly forty years ago, he would be false to the very blood that courses through his veins if in this solemn and stirring crisis he were not what he is.

☞ The Courier of yesterday thus sums up the resolutions adopted by the secret meeting of Saturday:

They fix the blame of disunion on the Black Republicans; they recognize separation as a fact; they declare for a recognition of the independence of the seceded States: in the event of a failure to restore the Union on the basis proposed by Mr. Crittenden, construed so as to apply to future acquisitions of territory south of 36 deg. 30 min., they assert that Kentucky should go, not into a Northern or Middle Confederacy, but with the South." In other words, the resolutions, as given by the Courier, declare for the immediate secession of Kentucky from the Union, *if the non-slaveholding States will not accept "the basis proposed by Mr. Crittenden, construed so as to apply to future acquisitions of Territory south of 36 deg. 30. min.*" Such is the sole condition by which the purpose of secession is qualified even in this public declaration. In the secret circular the purpose is qualified by no condition whatever. Yet the two declarations are not inconsistent in the least. Quite the contrary. The condition brought forward in the former serves only to insure the execution of the purpose confessed in the latter and contained in both. We all know that the Union men of the Border Slaveholding States, with Mr. Crittenden himself at their head, have abandoned the basis in question, so far as they may be said to have held it, on the ground, first, that the basis, in the whole range of its provisions as construed by the secessionists, is not necessary to the safety or the honor of the South, and, secondly, that whilst thus unnecessary to the South, it is extremely obnoxious to the North. For these reasons, as is well-known, and most excellent reasons they assuredly are, the conservatives of the South have discarded the measure in favor of the one agreed upon by the Peace Conference, which although fair to the South is not unacceptable to the orth, and, accordingly, is practicable as well as just. The basis defined above by the Courier has in a spirit of rational compromise been dropped by the Union men of the South and will not be claimed again by them. They never did insist upon it. They now drop it, as fitted only to defeat all hope of a rightful and peaceable settlement. It is this impracticable and discarded measure, differing from Mr. Crittenden's own original measure and from the measure of the Peace Conference only in being especially if not purposely obnoxious to the North, that the secessionists now pick up and brandish as an *ultimatum*, proclaiming that if the North will not accept it they are for the immediate secession of Kentucky from the Union. Of course they do not believe the North will accept it. They believe the North will reject it. And in this belief they are doubtless correct. The condition which qualifies their purpose of secession as avowed in public is consequently a nominal condition merely. Secession on such a condition is absolute secession. Nay, it is as much worse than absolute secession as a pitfall is more dangerous than an open pit. The condition is virtually no condition at all. It is a phantom condition. It is a bridge of air drawn over the gulf of Disunion, upon which Kentucky couldn't step without sinking instantly into the abyss below. Wherefore, we say the inevitable tendency of the movement is to effect its real purpose.

The real purpose of the movement, to sum up the points we have established, is the immediate secession of Kentucky from the Union, and the inevitable tendency of the movement is to effect its real purpose in the shortest possible way. It is accordingly in every essential respect a Disunion movement of the rankest dye. It is a movement which no friend of the Commonwealth and of the country should allow himself to be led by any promptings from within or without to favor in the lightest degree. It is worthy only of the patriot's sternest opposition. And we feel a confident and cheering persuasion that few if any intelligent patriots in Kentucky will be induced either by shallow and false views of interest or by the witchery of charlatans to lend the movement their permanent countenance. In no point of view can the movement deserve even the toleration of the friends of the Union. The cause of the Union in our noble Commonwealth is in the hands of wise and true men. If this new movement is a Union one, it is worse than superfluous; it it isn't, it has no claim upon the sympathies of Union men. In any event, and in all events, let Union men stand proudly aloof from the movement, or touch it only to resist and ever whelm it. It is fraught with evil, and evil only.

☞ The army appropriation bill, which passed the United States Congress at the close of the session, contains an appropriation of $156,000 for forts Jefferson and Taylor in Florida. Although Florida had with all possible formality declared herself out of the Union some weeks before, she will no doubt send on a commissioner to Washington to claim the cash.

☞ It can not be possible that all the citizens that took part in the secession meeting in this city understand the purport of the final resolution adopted. Amongst the names of those who are published as having taken part in the meeting, we find some of gentlemen of estate and reputation for intelligence. If they indorse and approve the resolution, they are sadly blinded by passion, prejudice, or personal ambition. If this be so, they will heed no warning word from us or from any other quarter. To all such as are not under the dominion of prejudice, passion, or personal ambition, we may speak, and with a confidence that every calm, well-balanced mind must reject and repudiate this first secession movement in Kentucky.

The resolution contains three propositions. *First*, That the State is to be armed by the present Government.

Second, That then a *sovereignty* government is to be convened; and,

Third, That the *final* action of the Convention is to be submitted to the people.

Thus the people of Kentucky are asked to organize, under the government as it now exists, a standing army; that being done a *Sovereignty* Convention is to be called. The people are gravely and with seeming earnestness asked to arm and equip an army, and, that being done, to surrender into the hands of a Convention power without stint or limit. To the ears of freemen, men who from habit and education have locked with watchful and jealous care into the questions of powers in the hands of rulers, this sounds monstrous. A *Sovereignty Convention* with a standing army to execute its mandates! Is not this asking that the State be at once plunged into a most abhorrent despotism? Kentucky is to have a King, a Dictator, an Aristocracy, or our much loved republican government, as may suit the will and pleasure of this *Sovereignty* Convention. All power, civil and military, is to be surrendered to that Convention. It can make and unmake Constitutions, pass laws, adjudicate upon them, and enforce them by a military file or a company of the Knights of the Golden Circle. Every slaveholder in the State may go to his bed in quiet and wake up the next morning and find that all his slaves are by the fiat of this Sovereignty Convention as free as he—or the non-slaveholders may wake up some morning and find that they have been deprived of all part and share in the government; that their dearest privileges have been taken from them. Whose estate, person, or head would be safe under the rule of such a despotism? It will not do to say that the men elected would be a sure guaranty against any tyrannical conduct. Such has ever been the tyrant's plea for having power put into his hands. The men who are reckless enough to propose and advocate such a Convention, could not be trusted with such powers.

But it will be said that the *final* action of the Convention is to be submitted to the people. Now when will this *Sovereignty* Convention have its *final* action? The history of this world shows that very few sovereigns have voluntarily surrendered their sovereignty. Give to fifty or a hundred men all the revenue of Kentucky, with a standing army to keep them in power and in place, and the day for this *final* action will never come as long as might can sustain them in dignity and place.

This resolution is something brand-new in the history of American politics. If such a proposition can obtain friends to the cause of secession in Kentucky we will confess that we have mistaken the character and temper of Kentuckians. That cause is sufficiently odious already; this movement, this unfolding of its purpose, must make all lovers of freedom, all lovers of organized liberty hate it.

We have seen it stated somewhere that a scientific gentleman has been making very extended and delicate experiments upon the atmosphere, and has discovered a peculiar atmospheric condition that conduces to madness. We are apt to think that such an atmospheric temperature exists in the Cotton States, and is sympathetically active in Kentucky.

WAIT.—Seven of the Southern States are at peace. They have found that repose *out* of the Union which has been denied them in the Union. The Seventh is still waiting for the Border Slave Confederacy, after being teased, tormented, and insulted for a few months, will enlist under the same banner.—*Memphis Avalanche.*

This is the same tune which is rung through all its changes in our State, and therefore the reply of the Memphis Bulletin, though intended for Tennessee, suits the latitude of Kentucky exactly. The Bulletin says: "If making the South one vast camp, where thousands of citizens are diverted away from their peaceful pursuits into the occupation of the soldier; if to inaugurate a state of things in which 'wars and rumors of wars' continually keep the public mind up to fever heat of excitement—if to derange and interrupt the natural flow of trade and commerce, and live continually in the apprehension that it may be destroyed by the precipitation of a bloody civil war; if to make an unnecessary revolution, in the prosecution of which the bold, reckless, and selfish are likely to bear more sway than the peaceful, the considerate, and the patriotic; in which the tribunals of reason and justice may be overthrown, to give place to the arbitrament of the sword—if these things be *reposo*,' then have the seven seceded States found it. It is, however, such repose as may be found upon the thin crust of a slumbering volcano, with the heavings of its unrest muttering audibly beneath it. God forbid that Tennessee and the other Border States should ever seek *such* 'repose.' One such neighbor is a sad prophet of evil, and would fain persuade us that we are to be 'teased, tormented, and insulted' by continuing in the Union. By whom?—by that terrible fellow, the Illinois 'rail-splitter?' Why, don't you know, neighbor, that all secessiondom is in a perfect fury, because he *won't* even 'coerce' the *gone-outers!* We heard of one of your disunion allies denouncing him bitterly the other day, because, as it was alleged, the black republican rascal had spoiled the programme of a war between the Government and the 'Confederate States,' by which the *other* 'Southern States' were to be dragged into the last-named cohoot, as the unwary vessel is dragged into the maelstrom. The denouncer seemed so apprehend that disunionism was about being 'played out.' It's no go, pyrotechnical brother! Tennessee was not 'brought up in the woods, to be scared' by such owlcroakings as that."

THINGS THAT CAN'T BE DENIED.—It can't be denied that the call published in the Courier of Wednesday for the meeting of Friday night was couched in such terms that Union men might consistently sign it.

It can't be denied that Union men in very large numbers did sign it.

It can't be denied that on Thursday one of the six originators of the meeting and of the secession movement here and in the State at large avowed that no Union man would be allowed to speak or vote in the meeting and that any Union man who should attempt to do either would be put down with the "fist" and the "club" and whatever other weapons might be necessary for the purpose.

It can't be denied that when the meeting assembled pursuant to the call the Hon. James Guthrie a Union man was not permitted to speak by the officers of the meeting and that weapons were drawn upon Mr. Jacob L. Smyser another Union man for having ventured to approach the stand.

It can't be denied, that, in the face of all these undeniable facts, the meeting at once became good-naturedly uproarious, and further proceedings were swallowed up in the general and unconquerable racket.

It can't be denied that the whole thing was lamentable.

It can't be denied that the responsibility for the whole thing rests upon the shoulders of the few hairbrained schemers amongst us who in their inexplicable zeal for the overthrow and destruction of their country forget not unnaturally what is due to the rights and the spirit of freemen.

David Brampton, whose head had been bald for twenty years, recently had the typhus fever, and his hair came in as plentifully and as dark as ever.—*Exchange.*

We have seen a good many old gentlemen, that had been bald for twenty years or more, make their appearance with abundant crops of dark hair. Can the typhus fever have done it all?

☞ The city of Philadelphia does not seem to have lost the confidence of the Confederates, for at the commencement of the Jefferson Medical College on Saturday last, 186 students graduated, of whom 109 were from the slave States. When the portion belonging to the seceding States get home, we trust they will be able to "medicine to a mind diseased."

☞ The Charleston Mercury calls upon its friends to "keep cool." It had better first call upon them to *get* cool.

☞ The small-pox is raging in Gallatin, Tennessee, while South Carolina is raging in the Southern Confederacy.

SPEECH OF J. T. BOYLE,

In Reply to Hon. Albert G. Talbott, at Stanford, Ky., March 4, 1861.

Fellow Citizens: The pretended friends of liberty, justice, and equality have ever proved the worst enemies of the people. No free people have ever had their liberties chiseled away, except in the name of liberty, equality, and justice. Bad politicians always attempt to delude the people by appealing to the exalted virtues, sentiments, and principles of humanity, and in their name reach the people into the mire. I feel that it is an imperious duty to warn the people against those who utter fulsome eulogies upon our glorious Union, and boast of the sacrifices they are ready to make for its preservation, and at the same time are elated in the hope of liberty for justice and equality answered, but they have neither in the Union, and never can have, while the two classes together in the constitution, unless they meant simply to declare that the majority of the people could set the convention and change the constitution to suit their views. The Union is not forth in the constitution? Can a majority change the constitution every year? every month? Is it not declared that a party can govern only in pursuance of the constitution, and not in pursuance of its provisions? Would there be any stability to government except by this constitutional restriction upon the will of the people? And a mere pigeon-shooter, sycophant, demagogue, or politician, without being a statesman, jurist, or safe adviser of the people, and I hesitate not to take counsel of such, have only to get a majority of these questions for ourselves. I am urging you to hold fast to that which you have tried and understand. Stick to your constitution and all will soon be right. Abandon the constitution, and by one fell swoop you annihilate all principles. Most like all our revisions as if to intimidate. Fellow citizens, a lawless and unconstitutional majority should attempt to dissolve the Union and force Kentucky into secession, I am for resisting it to force if necessary. I believe it is the duty of the people to resist usurpation, and to maintain the constitution of this State and to maintain its supremacy at the sacrifice of his life. To those men believe the people are cowed-spirited and will tamely submit to the destruction of the Government, and the destruction of their government? Recklessness, and ruffianism, and violence, to trample over law and order and constitutional government, is the high road from the latter end to the subversion of their government and the overthrow of constitutional liberty? Fellow citizens, from 1812 to 1826, when the whole population of Kentucky could be roused to public and political demagogues, and when a majority of the people in passion and prejudice, under the cry against the Judiciary, elected a Legislature that struck the State, that they were three years, three kicks, &c., elected for successive years Legislature that violated the Constitution and turned out the Judges, and we decided by the people, according to the Constitution, and for vindicating this charter of the liberty of the people, your fathers and some of you, stood firmly in favor of the old court, and upheld the constitution, and when, then, the politicians fired the popular heart and inflamed the public mind, and thus for a season succeeded in their purposes, and by appeals to mob from their proper sphere, and when passion drew prejudice gave way to reason, judgment, and wisdom, the people of Kentucky, to a township, in every county, in the State, with but few exceptions, and sustained the integrity of the Judiciary and the supremacy of the Constitution. The people ought never to submit to an unconstitutional majority or to the violation of their Constitution.

2 Again, it is urged that you cannot pass through the free States with your slaves, and I inferred that the impression was desired to be made that the free States had enacted laws prohibiting it. Now, I have had the curiosity to examine the laws by any of the States, and I have understood that it was generally conceded as a decided question that you could pass in travel with your slaves through the free States. I know that Mr. Clay always did it, and your present Representative passed without molestation with slaves through Illinois, and I have been told that as late as last summer slaves were not taken from him in New York. Yet, but not because of any law of that State prohibiting him from passing with his slaves, but a number of abolitionists sent out a writ of habeas corpus, from a Judge of their own party, who decided the negroes were free, and on an appeal to the Supreme Court of New York affirmed his decision, and the case is now in the Supreme Court of the United States for its final adjudication, and is still undecided. Therefore I do not think that any of the States, under the cover of law have taken the slaves of Southern men passing through the free States, and run them off, in violation of law and of Constitution. But, if they have, a remedy in Kentucky should exist? The Constitution and laws of the country protect you in your life and liberty and property while you are in the United States, by the wisdom of our fathers, the independence of the judiciary is forever secured, and placed beyond the influence of the co-ordinate departments of the Government.

3. The secessionists, to justify their treason and as a reason for it, cry out that the South has been robbed of such, &c. Now, when, in what, have you, people of Kentucky, been robbed? Now, no man has felt the weight of the government in all its land. They tell you they love the Union and they hope for its preservation, but they condemn. Have we not the same Union and the same Constitution? Is there any law of which you complain or of which these secessionists complain that cannot be changed by the Congress of the United States? Is there any law of which you complain or of which these secessionists complain that cannot be changed by the Congress of the United States? If the little State of South Carolina shall, as it no doubt will, dictate the policy of the Southern Confederacy, there will be free trade and no duties levied on imports, and slave property will be depreciated in value, and the heavy taxes to support the confederate and State governments, will grind the people to poverty. No free people will long submit to bear our blessed Union can bear the burthens of such a government. Your free spirit will be broken and your energies will be crushed out. You are the only one of all the kingdoms of the world will be anxious for commercial and friendly relations with the cotton kingdom, and that it will be the darling battling of the nations. Africa is ready for the fray. The kingdoms of Europe are anti-slavery, and France and England and the Germanic States are intensely so. Hell not wait to hope for sympathy and help from the North. Supported by all the anti-slavery nations of the world, and a combination formed to crush out the hated government, these gone-outers would be left to fight it out alone, and the Union would ever be restored, to save them all from escaping, the owners would be compelled to sell the others off at half price. If the dissolution of the Union would prevent the negroes escaping, and enforce the fugitive slave law, there would be the shadow of a pretence of reason in urging you to dissolve the Union. But you see, fellow citizens, that you will gain nothing by it, but lose much. Fly out from the good you have to the evil you know not of.

4. One of the most overwhelming and conclusive arguments in favor of a dissolution of the Union is that John Brown and others made a raid on Virginia and captured Harper's Ferry, and that other raids will be made on the South to excite the slaves to insurrection. Will dissolving the Union help the matter? Will that prevent the raids? Will it not multiply them? Did not the Federal Government arrest Brown and his villainous accomplices and suppress the insurrection? Is not the Federal Government and the Union of the States a protection against such incendiaries? If the Union is destroyed, will it not cause the multiplication of lawless raids by the villains all along the border? The men who urge you for this reason to secede from the Union must know that they endanger the whole border slave line with raids and insurrections. Will not every sane man pronounce this a silly argument for dissolution?

5. You are told, fellow-citizens, that you are denied your just and equal rights in the Territories, and therefore you ought to secede. Is this truth? Has not the Supreme Court decided the question in your favor? According to the adjudication of the Supreme Court of the United States, you have a right to take your slaves into the Territories and be protected in them. This is now the law of the land. Will you secure your rights by running off and giving up all the Territories? Will dissolving the Union and surrendering the Territories to the North secure your rights in the Territories? Is it not absurd for you to press the denial of equal rights in the Territories as a reason to recede when you know by seceding you abandon not only all rights but all claim or interest in the Territories? It is palpable from the conduct of these secessionists that they do not regard the practical value of equal rights in the Territories as worth a farthing. It is only a hobby, something with which they have temporarily mounted the people for business and violence and civil strife. Your safety and security are in the permanency of your free government, and the protection and rights is under the Constitution and laws, and the jurisdiction over these rivers between this adjacent States.

8. The capture and rendition of fugitive slaves if the cannot be settled between friendly and neighborly States by the Federal Courts, how can it be settled between hostile States? Will the South allow her slaves to be enticed and run off by Northern abolitionists with impunity? Will not attempt to re-capture result in collision and war? How are raids upon the Southern border to be guarded against? Who, like the Federal Government, can suppress these lawless incursions? To incite to insurrection? I could easily go on and enumerate other grievances to enter into this division which would certainly result in war.

Fellow citizens, you may rely on it that war is inevitable, even if the separation could be made peaceably. The Border States may, by their wise and prudent policy, prevent war and restore harmony among the States. If war is precipitated, what devastation and woe and misery will follow! The war will proceed from civil to servile war. The lives of yourselves, your wives, and your children will be offered up as a sacrifice to this pestilential and lawless spirit of dissolution. The pages of history is unwritten with the horrors of civil war. The devastation, ruin that will fill the land. Jerusalem, and Paris in the awful Reign of Terror, will pale before it "The potent rod of Amram's son
In Egypt's evil day, waved round the coast,
Was light upon the realm of impious Pharaoh"

a more withering, blighting, damning curse. The red flames of war will shed their lurid glare over the affrighted land. The stoutest heart will sicken, and the bravest men will shudder with the agony of fear. The world will be amazed at the folly and wickedness of the deed.

Fellow-citizens, this impending ruin has been brought upon this country by the politicians. This visionary scheme of a Southern Confederacy has been gotten up by the politicians, who have lost place and power, in order that they may subsist, and plunder the unsuspecting people. The whole of the officers of the Southern Confederacy will be filled by Southern politicians, and the Congress, a mere court, states that Chief Justice Marshall regretted the former decisions and thought they ought to have been made and were erroneous. I could mention a number of other cases decided in our own State. But this is sufficient. The decisions of the highest courts of last resort are not to be questioned by politicians, and this must be so in the nature of the case, unless we suppose the perfectability of human reason and judgment. This is the fullest extent to which Mr. Lincoln has ever gone, and he has declared that he has no control of the Judiciary. It is only now and then that he has the appointment of a Judge, and the Senate of the United States has to concur in the appointment. Will the people of Kentucky, by the wisdom of our fathers, the independence of the judiciary is forever secured, and placed beyond the influence of the co-ordinate departments of the Government?

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8. The capture and rendition of fugitive slaves if the cannot be settled between friendly and neighborly States by the Federal Courts, how can it be settled between hostile States? Will the South allow her slaves to be enticed and run off by Northern abolitionists with impunity? Will not attempt to re-capture result in collision and war? How are raids upon the Southern border to be guarded against? Who, like the Federal Government, can suppress these lawless incursions? To incite to insurrection? I could easily go on and enumerate other grievances to enter into this division which would certainly result in war.

Fellow-citizens, you may rely on it that war is inevitable, even if the separation could be made peaceably. The Border States may, by their wise and prudent policy, prevent war and restore harmony among the States. If war is precipitated, what devastation and woe and misery will follow! The war will proceed from civil to servile war. The lives of yourselves, your wives, and your children will be offered up as a sacrifice to this pestilential and lawless spirit of dissolution. The pages of history is unwritten with the horrors of civil war. The devastation, ruin that will fill the land. Jerusalem, and Paris in the awful Reign of Terror, will pale before it

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1861.

☞ Read the speech of Gov. Dixon which we publish this morning. The speech is strong, vivid, bold, and kindling. It is like the man

Read it!

☞ The Legislature of Kentucky, at the recent special session, adopted the following resolutions:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That the people of Kentucky view with the most lively apprehension the dangers that now environ the Union and threaten its perpetuity.

Resolved, That we appeal to our Southern brethren to stay the work of revolution; to return and make one mighty effort to perpetuate the noble work of our forefathers, hallowed by the recollections of a thousand noble deeds.

Resolved, That we protest against the use of force or coercion by the General Government, against the seceding States, as unwise and inexpedient, and tending to the destruction of our common country.

Resolved, That as this General Assembly has made an application to Congress to call a National Convention to amend the Constitution of the United States, and has requested the Legislatures of all the other States to make similar applications, and has appointed commissioners to meet those which have been appointed by the State of Virginia, and such as may be appointed by other States, at a designated time and place, to consider and if practicable agree upon some suitable adjustment of the present unhappy controversies, it is unnecessary and inexpedient for this Legislature to take any further action on this subject at the present time. And, as evidence of this sincerity and good faith of our proposition for an adjustment, and an expression of devotion to the Union, and desire for its preservation, Kentucky awaits with deep solicitude the responses from her sister States.

Resolved, That this General Assembly will, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet again at this place on the third Wednesday in March next, to take into consideration the responses of our sister States, and the then condition of the nation, and to adopt such measures as may be proper and the interests of Kentucky may require.

This is the "third Wednesday in March," and to-day the Legislature, pursuant to adjournment, meets again at Frankfort, to "take into consideration the responses of our sister States", and the present "condition of the nation," and "to adopt such measures as may be proper and the interests of Kentucky may require." What are "the responses of our sister States"? and what is the present "condition of the nation"? Let us see.

Kentucky, in the action of her Legislature at the recent session, addressed herself, first, to her sister States of the Gulf; secondly, to the General Government; and, thirdly, somewhat especially to her sister States of the North.

1. Kentucky appealed to her sister States of the Gulf "to stay the work of revolution,—to return and make one mighty effort to perpetuate the noble work of our forefathers, hallowed by the recollections of a thousand noble deeds."

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The General Government has not used "force or coercion" against the seceding States. The response of the General Government has been favorable.

3. Kentucky, addressing herself in effect more especially to the orth, "made an application to Congress to call a National Convention to amend the Constitution of the United States, and requested the Legislatures of all the other States to make similar applications," and appointed Commissioners to a Conference of the Border States to "consider and if practicable agree upon some suitable adjustment of the present unhappy controversies." Fourteen of "our sister States" of the North appointed Commissioners to this Conference, which, notwithstanding the untoward circumstances attending its deliberations as well as its constitution, agreed upon an "adjustment of the present unhappy controversies" which the Commissioners of Kentucky pronounced "suitable." As yet not a single slaveholding State has complied with the request of Kentucky to apply to Congress to call a National Convention, whilst three non-slaveholding States have so complied, and several others are preparing to follow, with every probability that the rest will swiftly wheel into line. Meanwhile, the North in Congress has signified the practical abandonment of the policy of excluding slavery from the Territories, has condemned the Personal Liberty Laws, has declared in favor of a faithful execution of the Fugitive Slave Law, and has concurred in proposing by the requisite constitutional majority an amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing positively and forever the exemption of slavery in the States from the interferences of Congress. This is one of the guarantees embraced in the scheme of Mr. Crittenden and also in the scheme of the Peace Conference, and by no means the least one. Moreover, the State of Rhode Island has repealed its Personal Liberty Law outright, whilst Vermont and Maine and Massachusetts and Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, still in the hands of the old Republican *regime* though they are, have under consideration the repeal or essential modification of their respective laws of this description. Furthermore, not less than a quarter of a million of the people of the North, besides societies and representative bodies without number, have within the last two or three months petitioned for the adoption of any adjustment satisfactory to Kentucky and her sister States of the Southern Border. In addition to all of this, the Republican President, having been peaceably inaugurated, has announced a policy which he declares to be a peaceful one, and that the great body of the friends of the Union in the South accept

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☞ The ... [illegible] ... on adopting the ... of the State, the fullest and ... expression of the sovereign will ... people, and upon the Legislature, the ... of the Constitution, to *submit their ... to the people.* It seems to us that in ... of a refined and enlightened community ... is the very cream of audacity. Bet ... is the most modest feature of the case.

Mark how the secessionists face it out: We ... to submit the proposal to the people ... would be lawless and revolutionary. The ... now replies: "Haven't you confidence in the people?" We protest that to submit the question would be a gross insult as well as a deep injury to the people. The secessionists reply: "Do you not dare to leave the question to the people?" We protest that the people have already declared in the most earnest and authoritative form that the question shall not thus be submitted to them. The secessionists reply: "Are you afraid to trust the people?" And so on through the chapter.

Such is secessionism! We confess we don't admire it. We confess we detest it cordially. If a libertine, intent on the dishonor of his friend's daughter, should call upon the father to submit the base proposal to his own child, and, whilst the father stood petrified with astonishment, should exclaim tauntingly: "Harkee! you confidence in your daughter? do you fear to let your daughter say whether she will accept my proposal or not? do you not dare to leave the question to your daughter? are you afraid to trust your daughter?"—such a libertine, if this vile earth contains such a one, would be a secessionist in morals, and, if he carried his notions into public affairs, a secessionist in politics. Surely the many excellent and intelligent gentlemen who are lending their countenance more or less directly to this thing have not reflected upon its real character. We can read them to do so.

☞ The evils of Disunion are but foreboded in the present calamities of the nation. The American people, as an able and judicious contemporary says, have had ample opportunities for many years of learning the practical advantages of all sections of the Union. They are now beginning to realize by the secession movement the evils which will inevitably be caused by a disruption of the Confederacy. Some of them are already keenly felt, and others, as yet, only dimly foreshadowed.

"Experience is a dear school," but nations, like individuals, sometimes refuse to recognize the clearest truths until they are practically exemplified by great losses and terrible sufferings. One of the most important benefits which the Federal Government has conferred upon the nation is unrestricted trade between many prosperous States with divers productions and industrial pursuits. But now, since the Montgomery Congress has passed a new tariff and duties are exacted upon Northern goods sent to ports in the Cotton States, the traffic between the two sections will be materially decreased, even though the Northern States do not at present retaliate by levying duties upon the products of the South. Another, and a more serious difficulty, arises out of our foreign commerce, and the different rates of duty established by the two tariffs, which will soon be in force. The "Southern Confederacy," to secure the revenues it proposes to obtain from customs, will be obliged to establish inland custom houses, and a guard along the whole frontier line, or goods will be sent by railroads and steamboats to its merchants.

The General Government, too, will be compelled to abolish the collection of revenue, or to put another expensive guard upon the *frontiers* to prevent smuggling into the Union *States*. Even if the independence of the seceding Commonwealths should be recognized, and two distinct nations thus established, we should still experience all the vexations, and be subjected to all the expenses and annoyances which the people of Europe have long suffered, on account of their numerous Governments, and many inland lines of custom-houses. Thus, trade of all kinds, which has already been seriously crippled, would be permanently embarrassed, and the consumers of most articles would be obliged to give an increased price for their purchases, to pay governmental expenses.

A large standing army is already provided for by the Southern Confederacy, which will devour the substance of its people, and entail, upon them very heavy taxation. If the existing ... ications continue, we will also be ... to greatly increase our military and naval establishments. No one can now foresee how soon a civil war may be forced upon us, in which the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars for warlike purposes will be a mere necessary, and thousands of lives be sacrificed.

It is easy for men to deride and underestimate the value of the Union, but its destruction would speedily be followed by fearful proofs of its importance to the whole American people. The citizens of the Cotton States are even now realizing, by the oppressions and exactions to which they are obliged to submit, how much it contributed to their welfare. But if the process of disintegration continues, until our country is divided up into jarring and discordant sovereignties, each obliged to maintain a large and expensive army, and each placing heavy restrictions upon trade to swell its coffers, an oppressed and down-trodden population, as grievously burdened as the people of any tyrannical nation of Europe, will bitterly curse, in the once free, prosperous, and happy United States, the men who were instrumental in overturning the noble fabric of government which our patriotic ancestors erected for the benefit of all coming generations.

☞ The Courier, collating the provisions of the Constitution of the so-called Southern Confederacy with the provisions of our Federal Constitution, says:

The Constitution of the Confederate States provides that "no person of foreign birth, *not a citizen of the Confederate States*, shall be allowed to hold any office, civil or political, under the Federal. This is to guard against an evil that has been felt growing out of the irregularities of like right of suffrage in the various States. a person on a visit to or having the right of suffrage in Illinois, while none but citizens can vote in Kentucky, and it requires a residence additional to citizenship to entitle a man to the right of suffrage in Louisiana.

But, inasmuch as the principle of integral State sovereignty including the right of secession underlies this Constitution, how can a person be "a citizen of the Confederate States"? Where there is no nationality there can be no citizenship. "My face has been laughed in here time and again," exclaimed that racy madcap Wigfall, in the course of one of his harangues in the Senate, "because I have said that there was no such nation as the people of America; that there was no such people as the people of America; that there were no citizens of any such single political community; that a man could not be a citizen of the United States, for the simple reason that it is impossible for one to be a citizen of a country that has no existence. The conclusion is perfectly satisfactory to me, however absurd it may seem to others, that as there is no such political community as the people of the United States, it is impossible that there can be any citizen of the United States, but they are citizens of the several States." This is tolerably sober logic, whatever may have been the condition of the head that uttered the logic. We commend it to the authors of the new Southern Constitution. If they don't take heed, they may have as much trouble with the logical Wigfall as they are having with the logical Spratt. This thing of engrafting the germs of nationality on the stock of secession will not be a ... to the ... of the men who really believe in the monstrous heresy which constitutes the root and trunk of the Southern Confederacy. Nor can the objectors be fairly blamed. The thing is absurd in theory and must speedily prove destructive in practice. The secessionists can't with impunity put their new wine into our old bottles. And certain we are that they can't with impunity put their new wine into their new bottles. They and their new wine are both in a sorry predicament, as will presently appear clearly to all the world and themselves.

☞ A correspondent of the Shelby News says that Blanton Duncan, one of the six originators and leaders of the new secession movement in Kentucky, avowed in his recent speech at Shelbyville, that, "*if guarantees were now afforded by the North, the South should consider it too late for reconstruction.*" The correspondent of the News adds: "Mr. Duncan is undoubtedly an *unconditional disunionist.*" And undoubtedly the movement of which Mr. Duncan is one of the authors and chiefs is to all intents and purposes an *unconditional disunion movement.*

☞ The St. Louis Democrat calls "Jim Green" the "*Satyr of the Senate.*" The antecents represented the Satyr as half goat and ... half man. Isn't the St. Louis Democrat too complimentary by half?

☞ We alluded the other day to the spirit of mobocracy that animates Secessionism even in the Border States, and, by way of justifying the allusion, pointed to secessionism in Richmond and in Louisville. Both cases are exactly in point. Concerning the latter we ourselves can speak and have spoken. The Richmond Whig speaks very distinctly concerning the former, extending the case to the whole of Virginia. "It is a melancholy fact," says the Whig, "that a larger amount of mob violence has been developed in Virginia since the secession movement began than in the whole previous life-time of the State. There has been manifested an intolerance of spirit never before known; and, what is more, mob intolerance is evidently on the increase, and rarely bodes no good to law and order, and to the peace and prosperity of the citizens of the State. And if not checked and repressed, and that without delay, it will lead to riot, revolution, and fraternal bloodshed. For one, we have uniformly counselled forbearance, toleration, and kindness on the part of all our people, no matter how widely different are the great questions at issue, and we renew, to-day, our earnest invocations upon this point. We call upon the real and substantial people to set their faces against the disorder, violence, and anarchy which the Precipitationists seem bent on introducing throughout the State, for the ballot-box is the appropriate, legal, and peaceful remedy for all political ills and grievances, real or imaginary. In place of the order and decorum heretofore prevailing in nearly all assemblages of Virginia freemen a wild and turbulent spirit of violence and anarchy reigns supreme. We undertake to say that it is all owing to the intolerant and despotic spirit manifested by the advocates of immediate secession. We again entreat that calmness, courtesy, and respect for law, order, and decency may prevail in the assemblages of the Virginia people." The same vulgar and destructive spirit is budding fast in Kentucky,—budding faster than the germs and shoots of spring. Let it be nipped in the bud. Let public opinion fall like "a killing frost" upon the sprouting nightshade.

A Bloody Programme.—The Richmond Enquirer is playing a very bold, but a very hazardous game, in the interest of secession. It is insisting that the Gulf States shall immediately attack Forts Sumter and Pickens, as the only mode of securing the co-operation of Virginia. The fact that "the Confederate Government still permits the occupation of forts by Federal troops," the Enquirer urges, is the great argument on which the Unionists of Virginia rest their hopes of reconstruction.

The Enquirer thus closes its appeal:

"Now the action of Virginia will most probably decide the position of all the States of the Southern border. By most inconvenient *misunderstandings*, between voters and candidates, a large body—*perhaps a majority*—of her Delegates have been elected to the Convention now assembled at Richmond, who indicate a tone and temper very much at variance with the sentiments of their constituents. He says much *further that these delegates are disposed to try the experiment at least of moral coercion to be applied to the Gulf States* in the expectation, real or pretended, that those States can be induced by dread of a Union on terms of submission to Black Republican rule. It is a nice game—hard to play in Virginia—still it may be played. The Unionists are permitted to point to the fact that the Southern States are even now submitting to actual invasion. *Let the Confederate States once appeal to arms for protection, and the Unionist papers and the Submission will programme loses its charm on the Border States.*"

It is not easy to say whether weakness or wickedness predominates in this bloody programme. The Gulf States are urged to plunge themselves and the country into the unutterable horrors of civil war, in order to *overbear the majority* in the Richmond Convention! For purely political purposes—in order to reverse the sentiment, and to defeat the action of the delegates of the people—the Enquirer insists that thousands of the citizens of the Gulf States shall sacrifice their lives, and that the whole country shall be plunged into war.

We trust there is manliness and good sense enough left in Virginia to give to such bloody instructions the rebuke they merit. The world has seen nothing more utterly brutal and profligate since the first French Revolution. The worst excesses of the Reign of Terror can show nothing worse.

The Right Spirit.—We clip the following from the Nashville Patriot:

"If you are a Union man I can't trads with you any more, said a zealous secessionist to a merchant of this city yesterday.

"I have goods for sale, not principles," was the reply. "If you like the former, I can supply you, but under no circumstances will I sacrifice the latter for your custom."

That's the sort of talk. If the game of proscription is to be attempted, let it be known. They are accustomed to such business in Missouri. The great masses of the people of Tennessee are for the Union, and will not stand by and see Union men proscribed because they will not forswear their government and become traitors.

Yes, "that's the sort of talk." It shows the right spirit, and the only spirit. We agree fully with our Nashville contemporary. If the secessionists, amongst the rest of their miserable games, want to play the game of proscription, let them begin it as soon as they please. We guess the iron pot of Unionism can stand the collision quite as well as the earthern pot of secessionism. Loyalty has at least as much fortitude as disloyalty, and, in this quarter of the country, many times as much volume.

The Prophecy of Secession in Arkansas.—We learn from a reliable source at Little Rock that "the ordinance of secession will be voted down by thirty-nine to thirty-five." A *conditional* ordinance of secession is being debated, with a clause referring it back to the people for ratification or rejection; but, our correspondent adds, that "even that cannot pass." It seems to be understood that the Convention will pass resolutions approving the responsible ministers and virginia for a Conference of the Border Slave States, and provide for sending five delegates to said Conference or Convention, and agree with Virginia to hold said Conference at Frankfort, Kentucky, on the 27th of May. The Convention, having taken this action, will probably adjourn early this week—perhaps over the week—to meet in fall, subject to be called together sooner by the President. Our correspondent adds: "One thing is very certain—Arkansas is not going now no seeds, and you may confidently fear any statement or rumor to the contrary. A majority will vote against *any sort of secession ordinance.*"

Memphis Bulletin.

This last prediction is fulfilled, the telegraph having announced the defeat of the ordinance of secession in the Arkansas Convention on Tuesday by a majority of four. And there is every reason to believe that the other predictions of the Bulletin's correspondent will be fulfilled in like manner. All hail to Arkansas! We welcome her as one of the loyal sisterhood.

☞ The Courier says the letter of Judge Lyon that we republished the other day, is "pronounced a forgery" by "the South Carolina and other Southern papers." The Courier doesn't specify the papers in question or even say whether or not it speaks in the matter from direct observation or from hearsay. Our neighbor's statement accordingly amounts to little or nothing.

We republished the letter of Judge Lyon from the Richmond Whig. If the letter is a forgery, which we do not believe, it is merely a formal one, though of course none the less a forgery on that account; unquestionably the general purport of the letter is genuine, as a thousand undisputed indications show. If the letter is not authentic, its verisimilitude is perfect. The Courier's assertion that "no sane man with three grains of sense believed that the letter was genuine" is as destitute of point as it is of politeness.

☞ The writer of a communication in yesterday's Courier says "the doctrine of State Rights, to the *extent* of peaceable secession by any single State for a *just cause*, is clearly and distinctly asserted" in "the resolutions of Kentucky and Virginia of '98, and Mr. Madison's report to the Virginia Assembly in '99." Mr. Madison says this doctrine is not asserted at all in these celebrated papers. Which *is* the better authority on the point—Mr. Madison or the writer in the Courier?

☞ Gentlemen secessionists! your movement here is a failure. It is an abortion. Don't you see that it is? You can't cram secessionism down the throats of Kentuckians. "You might as well," in the language of a distinguished member of the Missouri Legislature, "try to stuff butter in a wild cat, *with a hot awl.*"

☞ Blanton Duncan said in his speech at Shelbyville, according to a correspondent of the Shelby News, that, "if we did not call a Convention, it might result in *civil war* in Kentucky." Blanton's name should have been Danton. We hope he doesn't yearn for the "slaughters of September."

☞ Peach trees have been in bloom in this vicinity. We guess that a good many of them wish they hadn't been.

A Georgian Protest Against the Use of Secession Flags.—The Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer, noting the passage by the State Convention of Alabama and Louisiana of ordinances tendering to the Provisional Government property which fell to them by the acts or incidents of secession, regards as wise and patriotic the tender of the forts and munitions of war, but says of the Louisiana offer of "$586,000, the sum of collections from customs at the port of New Orleans, and bullion at the mint:"

The bullion in the United States mint at New Orleans, and so much of the revenue from customs collected in that city as was received before the secession of Louisiana, we regard as plunder if withheld from the United States without equivalent. We hope that the Provisional Government will only receive it in trust for the United States on a settlement of accounts, or as a means to secure peace or constrain a fair settlement.

☞ We take from the Shelby News the subjoined excellent synopsis of the speech delivered at Shelbyville last week by our eloquent townsman Judge Bullock. The speech in manner as well as matter was evidently one of exceeding power. The distinguished speaker was clearly equal to himself. "He Richmond Whig speaks very distinctly concerning the former, extending the case to the whole of Virginia. "It is a melancholy fact," says the Whig, "that a larger amount of mob violence has been developed in Virginia since the secession movement began than in the whole previous life-time of the State. There has been manifested an intolerance of spirit never before known; and, what is more, mob intolerance is evidently on the increase, and rarely bodes no good to law and order, and to the peace and prosperity of the citizens of the State. And if not checked and repressed, and that without delay, it will lead to riot, revolution, and fraternal bloodshed. For one, we have uniformly counselled forbearance, toleration, and kindness on the part of all our people, no matter how widely different are the great questions at issue, and we renew, to-day, our earnest invocations upon this point. We call upon the real and substantial people to set their faces against the disorder, violence, and anarchy which the Precipitationists seem bent on introducing throughout the State, for the ballot-box is the appropriate, legal, and peaceful remedy for all political ills and grievances, real or imaginary. In place of the order and decorum heretofore prevailing in nearly all assemblages of Virginia freemen a wild and turbulent spirit of violence and anarchy reigns supreme. We undertake to say that it is all owing to the intolerant and despotic spirit manifested by the advocates of immediate secession. We again entreat that calmness, courtesy, and respect for law, order, and decency may prevail in the assemblages of the Virginia people." The same vulgar and destructive spirit is budding fast in Kentucky,—budding faster than the germs and shoots of spring. Let it be nipped in the bud. Let public opinion fall like "a killing frost" upon the sprouting nightshade.

A Bloody Programme.—The Richmond Enquirer is playing a very bold, but a very hazardous game, in the interest of secession. It is insisting that the Gulf States shall immediately attack Forts Sumter and Pickens, as the only mode of securing the co-operation of Virginia. The fact that "the Confederate Government still permits the occupation of forts by Federal troops," the Enquirer urges, is the great argument on which the Unionists of Virginia rest their hopes of reconstruction.

The Enquirer thus closes its appeal:

"Now the action of Virginia will most probably decide the position of all the States of the Southern border. By most inconvenient *misunderstandings*, between voters and candidates, a large body—*perhaps a majority*—of her Delegates have been elected to the Convention now assembled at Richmond, who indicate a tone and temper very much at variance with the sentiments of their constituents. He says much *further that these delegates are disposed to try the experiment at least of moral coercion to be applied to the Gulf States* in the expectation, real or pretended, that those States can be induced by dread of a Union on terms of submission to Black Republican rule. It is a nice game—hard to play in Virginia—still it may be played. The Unionists are permitted to point to the fact that the Southern States are even now submitting to actual invasion. *Let the Confederate States once appeal to arms for protection, and the Unionist papers and the Submission will programme loses its charm on the Border States.*"

It is not easy to say whether weakness or wickedness predominates in this bloody programme. The Gulf States are urged to plunge themselves and the country into the unutterable horrors of civil war, in order to *overbear the majority* in the Richmond Convention! For purely political purposes—in order to reverse the sentiment, and to defeat the action of the delegates of the people—the Enquirer insists that thousands of the citizens of the Gulf States shall sacrifice their lives, and that the whole country shall be plunged into war.

We trust there is manliness and good sense enough left in Virginia to give to such bloody instructions the rebuke they merit. The world has seen nothing more utterly brutal and profligate since the first French Revolution. The worst excesses of the Reign of Terror can show nothing worse.

The Right Spirit.—We clip the following from the Nashville Patriot:

"If you are a Union man I can't trads with you any more, said a zealous secessionist to a merchant of this city yesterday.

"I have goods for sale, not principles," was the reply. "If you like the former, I can supply you, but under no circumstances will I sacrifice the latter for your custom."

That's the sort of talk. If the game of proscription is to be attempted, let it be known. They are accustomed to such business in Missouri. The great masses of the people of Tennessee are for the Union, and will not stand by and see Union men proscribed because they will not forswear their government and become traitors.

Yes, "that's the sort of talk." It shows the right spirit, and the only spirit. We agree fully with our Nashville contemporary. If the secessionists, amongst the rest of their miserable games, want to play the game of proscription, let them begin it as soon as they please. We guess the iron pot of Unionism can stand the collision quite as well as the earthern pot of secessionism. Loyalty has at least as much fortitude as disloyalty, and, in this quarter of the country, many times as much volume.

The Prophecy of Secession in Arkansas.—We learn from a reliable source at Little Rock that "the ordinance of secession will be voted down by thirty-nine to thirty-five." A *conditional* ordinance of secession is being debated, with a clause referring it back to the people for ratification or rejection; but, our correspondent adds, that "even that cannot pass." It seems to be understood that the Convention will pass resolutions approving the responsible ministers and virginia for a Conference of the Border Slave States, and provide for sending five delegates to said Conference or Convention, and agree with Virginia to hold said Conference at Frankfort, Kentucky, on the 27th of May. The Convention, having taken this action, will probably adjourn early this week—perhaps over the week—to meet in fall, subject to be called together sooner by the President. Our correspondent adds: "One thing is very certain—Arkansas is not going now no seeds, and you may confidently fear any statement or rumor to the contrary. A majority will vote against *any sort of secession ordinance.*"

Memphis Bulletin.

This last prediction is fulfilled, the telegraph having announced the defeat of the ordinance of secession in the Arkansas Convention on Tuesday by a majority of four. And there is every reason to believe that the other predictions of the Bulletin's correspondent will be fulfilled in like manner. All hail to Arkansas! We welcome her as one of the loyal sisterhood.

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☞ The writer of a communication in yesterday's Courier says "the doctrine of State Rights, to the *extent* of peaceable secession by any single State for a *just cause*, is clearly and distinctly asserted" in "the resolutions of Kentucky and Virginia of '98, and Mr. Madison's report to the Virginia Assembly in '99." Mr. Madison says this doctrine is not asserted at all in these celebrated papers. Which *is* the better authority on the point—Mr. Madison or the writer in the Courier?

☞ Gentlemen secessionists! your movement here is a failure. It is an abortion. Don't you see that it is? You can't cram secessionism down the throats of Kentuckians. "You might as well," in the language of a distinguished member of the Missouri Legislature, "try to stuff butter in a wild cat, *with a hot awl.*"

☞ Blanton Duncan said in his speech at Shelbyville, according to a correspondent of the Shelby News, that, "if we did not call a Convention, it might result in *civil war* in Kentucky." Blanton's name should have been Danton. We hope he doesn't yearn for the "slaughters of September."

☞ Peach trees have been in bloom in this vicinity. We guess that a good many of them wish they hadn't been.

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The Legislature is again in session, after its recess, to consider the *new* condition of Kentucky; and her relations to her sister States. Since the 11th of February, Mr Lincoln has been inaugurated, and the flag of the Union still waves over my head from the dome of the Capitol; nothing has transpired to change the condition of Kentucky or her relations to her sister States, and therefore we may anticipate a very short session. Though this Legislature has been loyal, still there was a feeling of security when it was in recess, and the public pulse will beat more calmly as soon as it adjourns. I expected to find this city buzzing with political drones, but it is unusually quiet, when the reassembling of the Legislature, and the "mass meeting" to instruct it how to maintain "the interest and honor of Kentucky" are both to take place. The mass meeting, by the way, has been renamed, and is now called a "Convention," and I have a hand-bill before me which says: "It is not expected that any person will participate in the proceedings of the Convention who does not favor the objects for which it is convened." That is conclusive as to the intention of the call, although there was an attempt to conceal the cloven-foot and forked tail. The meeting has attracted some curiosity, and drawn a few persons there, but it assumes no dignity, either from its numbers or the influence of those who direct it. When on the 11th of February I wished the members of the Legislature God speed to their homes, and proper intercourse among their constituents, I felt an assured conviction that Kentucky had done her whole patriotic duty to the Union of our fathers, and expressed my confidence that she would, with unfaltering fidelity, adhere to the Constitution. I was not led astray by vain hopes, nor did I miscalculate the loyalty of the State rendered illustrious in the past by Clay, and in the present by Crittenden. Kentucky stands now, as she did two months ago, the breakwater of the secession billows, securing a *perfect* Union, and controlling cause which led to the adoption of the Federal Constitution. In this connection, he said that "the Union of the States was the sign of the Covenant which the God of our Fathers had made with his chosen people."

He then alluded to the anxiety and unparalleled success of the American Government. Every department—Legislative, Executive, and Judicial—had performed its allotted functions. Parties had risen and fallen,—the policy of the Government had been changed, from time to time, in obedience to enlightened public sentiment; but the Government itself had moved on harmoniously, to the full accomplishment of its wise and beneficent purposes. All encroachments of one department upon the others had been avoided, or promptly checked. The Federal Judiciary—the great balance wheel of the Government—had been prompt and active; and in no single instance failed to execute its work. The Federal Government had performed all that was designed by the illustrious founders, and was a complete, triumphant, and glorious success. The eloquent speaker here depicted, in glowing and graphic terms, the extent and grandeur of the American Republic. It was well not attempt to follow him as he traced our national progress from the condition of thirteen feeble and helpless colonies to its present majestic proportions. Suffice it to say, that he justified the thoughts found a deep response in the bosoms of all who heard him.

Judge Bullock then reverted to the present distracted condition of the country, and the causes which led to it. He referred to the Missouri Compromise. All attempts at compromise and adjustment had practically failed; and the aspect of public affairs was unusually foreboding. It was understood that Commissioners from the "Confederate States," as they were termed, were now at Washington demanding an interview, and, perhaps, negotiation, with the Federal Government. This was, indeed, a momentous and trying crisis. What is to be done, said Judge B., comes home with awful import to every American patriot, and should be approached with reference to the present, and to it alone, than, by adding a few discontented spirits, wise in their own conceit but in that of no one else, we should have the list of delegates complete. No matter what may go ont from their papers as to the effect of to-day's *mass meeting*, rest assured that it is a still born monstrosity. Nothing more impudent, nothing more stupid, and nothing more concealed avar emanated from the conception of man, and it is one of the blessings of Providence that such conceptions always are abortions.

Agitators are of the same kidney all the world over. The irrepressible conflict between England and France is kept up by "firing the heart" and exciting the national pride of one country whenever the other has accomplished something new. I saw it remarked somewhere lately that to cry "France" in the ear of England would produce an effect like the tocsin of the Seine in the olden days of chivalry as a token of defiance. This was illustrated by an extract from Thackeray's Cornhill Magazine, which said in substance that when France launched La Ghire, her ironplated vessel, she threw the challenge to England—not a challenge to fight but to put herself in training. And so John Bull, with all the ardor of the prize-ring or the rat-pit, commenced to prepare himself, and the Warrior was England's reply. The British people were terribly agitated when it was first announced that France had projected a floating battery cased in steel, shot-proof, a perfect magazine of deadly combustibles and projectiles, and so constructed that it could neither be sunk nor burned. As a consequence, England never enjoyed a quiet night's rest until she had constructed a similar work and made an extensive brag upon the subject. It would be an insult to the intelligence of my readers to attempt to apply these facts to the condition of things, North and South, in this country. There is a constant effort to keep up the excitement between the sections, and to effect this the most ludicrous cause of quarrel are patched up. It reminds me of the "ancient grudge broke to new enmity" between the partisans of the rival houses of Capulet and Montague, and was find men here "biting their thumbs," ready to get up a row and wanting to convert our whole State into a fortified camp. This agitation is nearly played out. The members of the Legislature left here loyal and they have returned loyal. There will be no departure from their policy of last month. That met the approval of Kentucky, and after conference with their constituencies, the legislators are prepared to stand firm to the Union. Thus much I know, after a very short intercourse with the members of the Senate and House.

The House met this morning but transacted very little business. There was some debate on a proposition submitted by Mr. Lanham to tender the use of the Hall to the Mass Convention; most of the friends of the Union voted for it through courtesy while they strongly denounced the supposed objects of the call; but there were seven members who would hold no terms of courtesy with the agitators; among the latter were Messrs. Jacobs and Hodge, of the State Democratic party.

A resolution was adopted by both Houses to accept the invitation of the Committee of citizens of Frankfort to meet the Hon. John J. Crittenden and welcome him on the occasion of his return home this afternoon. The day is a very stormy one but there will be a great demonstration.

Mr. Goodloe offered the following and moved its reference to the Committee on Federal Relations, which was done.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the Federal troops from the forts in the seceding States for the purpose of preventing the effusion of fraternal blood, would be attended by no disgrace or dishonor; and that such a course of conduct by the Federal Government would meet the cordial approval of the State of Kentucky, and would also greatly tend to preserve the kind feelings which we believe still exists between the masses of the people of the Union, notwithstanding the unhappy state of affairs that now exists.

Mr. Hodge offered the following addition:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this body, the Federal Government should immediately recognize the independence of the Confederate States of America.

The proposition of Mr. Goodloe is eminently proper, and will, I do not doubt, pass with great unanimity, but I cannot but regret that Mr Hodge felt it his duty to embarrass it with the addition, which is an absurdity. The Federal Government has no right to recognize the existence of a new State. The President has the power, by, and with the consent of the Senate, to make treaties and appoint embassadors, but he has no more authority to recognize the Cotton league than he has to declare war against a European nation without the consent of Congress, by all means, no. In the Senate, Senator Fisk offered a joint resolution, that, whereas the Treasury is exhausted, and from the facts that this is an extra session, and that another Legislature is soon to be called, it is not deemed complete the business now before us and adjourn as early a day as possible; therefore, that the Senate shall hold their session a day, and that it is inexpedient to originate any new business after the 22d inst. This lies over a day under the rules.

Mr. Hodge and Senator Chambers, in their respective chambers, proposed resolutions inviting the non-seceding States to meet in convention at Frankfort on the 27th May, to adopt an ultimatum and concerted action in reference to present national troubles. Mr. Hodge's proposition involves the election of delegates by the people in Congressional Districts, and Senator Prall proposed to amend Senator Chamber's motion in the same way, while it originally named W. O. Butler, Joshua F. Bell, and Archy Dixon as the delegates, and proposed a final adjournment on the 22d inst. The whole subject will rise over till tomorrow.

There were four sets of resolutions referred to the committee on resolutions in the diennion meeting to-day, and I understand that there is some difficulty apprehended in patching up the proper kind of platform. I simply looked in upon the men to day who are preparing to instruct the people's representatives to their duty and to teach them the obligations of their oaths to support both the State and national Constitutions, and I must say that if they are fit to instruct even a common school their locke conceal and deceive their intelligence sadly. There is no element of dignity or force in their composition, but there is a deal of craft and cunning about some of them. I heard one of the most violent of these precipitators, a disunionist of the most red republican kind, very coolly talking over the chance he would have in making the Congressional race in his District! That man is determined to get all his "rights" at any rate, and all the pay and perquisites that good fortune may drop in his way. The details of the Diennion meeting will be of no interest, beyond the mere resolutions, which its sextamviata callers will have the effrontery to attempt to impose upon the public as the voice of the people of Kentucky. By the way, I observed at the dinner table to-day, that your rank secessionist is much addicted to cayenne pepper, vinegar, Worcester sauce and poached eggs. Can any of my philosophical friends give me a theory which will account for this? It passes my comprehension, but it is a fact.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1861.

☞ The telegraph announces this morning that the Legislature of Ohio has complied with the request of Kentucky by applying to Congress to call a National Convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution. This makes four Free States that have so applied. We have no doubt that before Congress meets again the request of Kentucky will have been complied with by every State of the North. Let the movement go on. And meanwhile let the President with all the might of his position hold on. Masterly inactivity at Washington and masterly activity at the North will soon end our troubles. The true policy of the President in this juncture is not so much to assert the jurisdiction of the nation as to preserve the nation itself. Let the President turn his thoughts to the work of amending the Constitution and keep his thoughts upon the work until it is finished. This is the point. Let him stick to this. Never mind the laws that arms have silenced. He cannot vocalize those silent laws. It is folly and madness to try. Mr. Lincoln should perform vigorously and faithfully the duty he can perform, and let the duty go that he can't perform. And the nation will hold him to this.

☞ We beg to suggest to the friends of the Union in Kentucky not only the propriety but the necessity of taking steps immediately for the organization and consolidation of the Union forces of the State. This measure is imperative. We can't get along at all without it. And the longer it is delayed the worse for us and the better for our adversaries and the adversaries of the country.

We want a single candidate for the Treasurership; we want a single ticket for the Border Convention, if one shall be held, and the delegates shall be chosen by the people, as the delegates should be chosen; we want a single State Executive Committee; we want a single District Executive Committee in each of the several Congressional Districts; we want a single system of party machinery in each of the different counties and precincts; we want, in fine, a single and complete State organization, and a single standard-bearer, wherever our glorious standard is to be borne. We want this, and must have it; and must have it as promptly as possible.

So far as partyism in Kentucky is concerned, the past is dead,—dead beyond the reach of the hand of resurrection. So we devoutly trust. There are now but two parties in the State,—the Union party and the secession party—the so-called Southern Rights party and the Southern Rights Union party. Neither is homogeneous with respect to former party organization; both, however, are fully alive to the new points of combination and fully dead to the old ones. Yet but one of these two living parties has regularly consolidated its forces and completed its organization. But one has embodied its members; and that one, to our reproach be it said, is not the Union party. This reproach must be wiped off; this inferiority must be removed; this sore disadvantage must be corrected: and the work must be speedily done. All are agreed as to this. By whom shall the work be undertaken? Who shall assume the initiative?

We venture to suggest that the Union men of the Legislature assume it, either by calling a Union State Convention at as early a day as may be practicable or else by acting themselves as a State Convention and performing at once and on the spot the duties appertaining to such a body. We confess there appear to us many strong reasons why the latter mode should be preferred. But on this point we shall say nothing at present. No matter which mode our friends in the Legislature might see fit to adopt, their decision would doubtless be acquiesced in cheerfully by the masses of the party in the State. It certainly would be by us. Prompt action in some mode is assuredly demanded by the best interests of our cause; and we appeal respectfully to the Union men of the Legislature to take such action.

In the meanwhile the Commissioners are to be appointed to meet those from Virginia, Missouri, Tennessee, and the other Border States. Let the re-may act understandingly, and that all objections may be met, we suggest that they be elected by Congressional Districts, by vote of the people. In this manner we can, by a fair and legitimate way, have an expression of the popular will.—*Lou. Democrat.*

We understand the suggestion of our neighbor to mean that the delegates to the Border Convention be chosen by the people as Presidential Electors are chosen; that is to say, formally by Congressional Districts but really by the people of the whole State. With this understanding, which we do not doubt is the understanding of our neighbor, we approve the suggestion cordially, and, by way of perfecting it, would add two delegates on the part of the State at large to the delegates of the several Congressional Districts, thus making the representation of Kentucky in the Convention what as respects both mode and number her representation is in the Electoral College of the nation. Certainly nothing can be fairer than this suggestion. Nothing else can be so fair. Nothing else can be fair at all.

The fundamental principle of all just representation is that the representative shall be chosen by the represented body as represented. We assume that no one will dispute this. The body represented or to be represented in the Border Convention is the State as such, the State as a whole, the State in its Integral sovereignty as a member of the National Union; consequently, the representatives in the Convention should be chosen by the State in the same relation,—by the people of the whole State as a single body. Otherwise the fundamental principle of just representation would be violated, and, in a matter concerning the State as a State, a district as a district might dictate the representative. It seems to us that this view is unanswerable. We know not, indeed, that it will be seriously controverted in any quarter.

However this may be, we are persuaded that the view is a just one, and we hope it will easily prevail in the Legislature. We deem it important to the best interests of the Commonwealth that it should prevail.

☞ "Raconteur", the Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser, thus pleasantly refers to the last hours and the last honors of Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden in Washington:

Mrs. Senator Crittenden is receiving an extemporised farewell call from this evening at the National Ho el, which she has graced during the past season. It eclipses the inauguration ball, for not only the beauty and fashion, resident and transient, are in attendance, but the Cabinet Ministers, Cabinet officers, Senators, and officers of the army, General Scott's noble form towering above them all.

At nine o'clock Mr. Justice Nelson, of the Supreme Court, requested silence, and advanced towards Mrs. Crittenden with a monster bouquet, which he presented in the lady's behalf of those at the National, expressing their friendship for the recipient, and their regret at losing her, in eloquent terms. He was followed by Mr. Lovejoy (who is as ardent a pro-slavery man as his brother, in Congress, is an ardent Republican), who read a feeling essay, embodying the kindly sentiments of himself and others who had passed the winter at the National.

When these demonstrations were over, the party repaired to supper room, where the hosts had prepared an attractive repast, which soon was attacked vigorously—but the supply could not be exhausted, and the assailants were forced to retire, perfectly satisfied. Dancing was then the order of the evening, and none of the guests left the saloons, without a cordial Kentucky shake hands with Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden, wishing them *bon voyage*. Many hope to welcome him back next fall as a member of the House of Representatives.

Thousands more have resolved that this hope shall be realized. Under Providence, nothing can prevent the realization of the hope, but Mr. Crittenden's own will; and, in view of the circumstances, we don't fear even that. The summons addressed to him is not alone from the Ashland District but from the State and the country. If the glorious old patriot feels that he has the strength to obey he will not have any to resist.

☞ The Alexandria (Va.) Gazette gives an account of a "conversion" which though not remarkable is exceedingly rational. A gentleman from Pottsylvania county, Va., a strong secessionist, in February last, being dissatisfied with the course things were taking in Virginia, went to Mississippi for the purpose of buying land and to remove his negroes to that State. He has just returned, and called on the delegate from his county to say, that though he had thought Virginia was slow, he hopes "she will be slower still;" that he saw but few of the substantial wealthy proprietors in Mississippi who were not dissatisfied with the course of events South, at the prospect of heavy taxation, and of no benefit under the new order of things that they could not expect under the old Union; and told him "that if Virginia and the Border States got such guarantees as would be satisfactory to them, he had no doubt that Mississippi and the Gulf States would return." He had concluded to remain in Virginia.

☞ One of the Courier's Frankfort despatches, recounting the action of the secession Convention at the Capital, concludes with this stimulating notification: "The submissionists disheartened". If the

SPEECH OF THE HON. GARRETT DAVIS AT PARIS.—We are indebted to the Paris Citizen for the synopsis of this speech, wh ch we give below:

Hon. J. Davis addressed a large audience at Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening last. A more forcible and conclusive speech on the topics discussed by him we have not heard from any public orator. He spoke to the working-men, and these he described as being those who habitually exert themselves in an honest calling, whether merchant, lawyer, or mechanic, or physician. He had two special objects in addressing them. They had a greater interest in society than the idler, the politician, and the demagogue, and he desired to state facts and to express his views to them, in the utterance of thoughts and principles in reference to the present unhappy condition of the country, State and National, and to draw such conclusions as would indicate to the coming Kentucky ought to pursue in the impending crisis.

In olden time the chosen people of G d, the Israelites, had vouchsafed to them innumerable blessings, by a government under the superintendence of Providence itself, but Palestine never had so fortunate a lot as the people of the United States, whose government is worthy to be compared to the latest posterity. Till a few months ago they had the best government known to history. Occupying an area nearly equal to that of all Europe, blessed with a more genial climate, a more fertile soil, and more mineral wealth, they enjoyed the happiest and freest institutions ever devised by the experience, virtue and wisdom of man, and to people of God's earth ever enjoyed greater prosperity than they. But she prospect has changed—all know destruction; the Union of the States is threatened if not actually disrupted, gloom overspreads the nation clouds, lowering cloud, charged with thunder and tempest, hang over the whole face of nature and threaten destruction—what has caused this change? And from what causes? what great local, State, or national evil oppressed the country to produce such a change? who was deprived of his rights? Do we not ground down by oppression? Do we complain, said Mr Davis, we are at this time a spectacle that challenges the amazement of every enlightened man outside of the United States. The best government on earth, one that was devised by the wisest and most virtuous men, and is the full development of a glory and grandeur which the most fertile imagination could not grasp, every citizen prosperous and blessed with the mildest, happiest, and most benignant institutions ever known, and yet a large portion of the people arming—suddenly arisen to overthrow.

Before these convulsions commenced there were and at this time there are but five causes that produced them, and on side of these no other wrong can be enumerated. Mr. Davis stated these causes to be—

1. The denunciations of slavery by the people of the free States and the aid which those lessons gave in the escape of slaves.

2. The hostility of some of the free States of laws to obstruct the execution of the fugitive slave law, passed by Congress.

3. The formation of a party with a principle of hostility to slavery, and the election by that party of a President avowing that principle.

4. Threatened aggressions by that party on slavery, by abolishing it in the District of Columbia and in the forts, arsenals, &c., of the United States, and the slave trade between the States.

5. The exclusion of slaves from the Territories of the United States.

These causes of disturbance he then proceeded to examine. The slave States, said he, have remained quiet under the aggressions of the free States, but they are not of recent date, most of them run back as far as the Missouri Compromise of 1820. Many of us remember the difficulties of that day, and with what dismay the people of Kentucky regarded the time urged by the free States were viewed by the patriots and statesmen of those times, and to none more than by our own illustrious Clay, by whose eloquence and influence the compromise, though not originating with him, on the line of 36 30'was effected. That compromise brought peace to the country, but its necessity, and its adoption showed that the free States were determined to encroach upon the rights of the Southern States. At the time and since the free States have again and again interfered and violated the compact and have stained against the rights of the slave States. But have not the slave states sinned also? Have they not also been instrumental in bringing about these disasters? The organization of the several Churches into Northern and Southern factions has been the result of Southern action as well as Northern. But slavery has been attacked by the Northern pulpit. It has been assailed in the schools and by the school-books of the North. These are we ago of which we have a right to complain. But can any of these be reached by any legislation of Congress or by our State Legislature? Do they admit of redress by secession or revolution? Look all if secession, drawing a line—the Ohio river being the dividing line—what the position both sides afford to each other, would not aggravate the evil?

Some six or eight States have passed personal liberty bills to prevent the execution of the fugitive slave law. That law had its origin ten years ago, and there has been no legislation on the subject since Buchanan was elected. Is there any new cause on account of personal liberty bills why Kentucky should secede and disrupt the Union? The object of the fugitive slave law is to assist the owner of the slave in having his property brought back to him, and by this law all the power of the United States is pledged to do it. And wherever a fugitive slave has been found and placed within the limits of the United States, this law could and has been executed at every expense and hazard. It was done by Fillmore's Administration in Boston, the mistress of Abolitionism and Black Republicanism. The mob, aided by the city authorities, rose in continued resistance. Fillmore called upon the United States forces and marched them under the stars and stripes into Boston and executed the law, and would have done so had not the mob yielded to lay the city in sashes. Could this have been done, if, through secession, the Ohio river had been made the Canada line? Does not the conduct on the part of the people of the free States is undergoing a great change. The appeals made to their sense of justice and right by the border slave States are producing ample results. Already some of the free States have already repealed their personal liberty bills; their courts have declared them to be unconstitutional, and reason is again returning to the great masses of the people. To this there is no exception but with the Abolitionists proper and a few extreme Black Republicans. The people of the free States are willing to amend the fugitive slave law, and in case of a rescue of the fugitive slave, to give the owner full redress in money for the value of the slaves rescued. They are willing to comply with all its untried and apprehended evils, or a repeal of the personal liberty laws, and an amendment of the fugitive slave law so as to secure to the master what he is by law entitled to—a fair cash compensation if re cued. As to slavery in the District of Columbia, in the forts and dock-yards of the South, and also in the inter State slave trade, the action of the members of Congress and others have given assurance that the Constitution can be so amended as that there shall be no repeal of slavery in the District of Columbia, without the consent of Virginia and Maryland, and then not without the consent of the owners of slaves in the District, and as that it shall be fully tolerated in all forts, arsenals, dock-yards and that the inter State slave trade shall not be prohibited. It is a mistake that the slave trade has been prohibited in the District of Columbia—it never was since, but there is this difference between then and now—then Buchanan and the Democracy defeated Fremont and Black Republicanism and kept the patronage of the government—now, Lincoln and Black Republicanism have defeated the Democracy and they have obtained that patronage. For all this how-ever, who is responsible? No frank man will say that Douglas would not have been elected if the Charleston Convention had nominated him. But he was and is a devoted Union man, and that Convention split and the party is disrupted—if the Democratic party to his nomination and consequent election, and ever, as it was, when there was no hope of the election of any one of his opponents except Lincoln, and by way of a bone of Illinois and Indiana, where is he and the great masses of the opposition in his favor, another candidate was nominated with no hope to accomplish anything except to divide the vote and to elect Lincoln and thus secure the election of Lincoln? Is it not trifling for a party that thus ran a candidate and by so doing defeated the Democratic vote and so became instrumental in the election of Lincoln, to make the election of Lincoln a cause for the dissolution of the Union?

I come now to this point: Every cause that arises from the slavery question that affords any pretext for secession that is felt since the election of Lincoln existed many years previous to that election. These are not all the ills. There are others. Remember when Van Buren, Gen. Taylor, and Case, were candidates. Taylor was elected. The Black Republican party then separated from the Democratic party. Van Buren received 400,000 votes. Four years rolled on, and another Presidential election was held. Hale was nominated as a Black Republican candidate. He got only 160 000 votes. Four years more, Fremont being the candidate received 1,130,000 votes. Now this augmentation had a cause. Before the nomination of Lincoln the Republican party had rapidly declined in strength and was dying of inanition. Fremont's popularity did not give it its increase. Those were other and sufficient causes for it. The Missouri Compromise line was repealed, and the Lecompton Constitution was forced upon the people of Kansas by a veto of one-fourth of the members of Congress in remonstrances of the remaining five-sixths. These two causes aggravated the people of the free States. Then the case of Sumner who was elected to the Senate of the United States by Know Nothing, and Chase of Ohio elected by old Whig and Democratic votes. Sumner made a most extravagant speech upon the institution of slavery, and Brooks of South Carolina with a bludgeon beat him over the head for it on the floor of the Senate chamber when he was in a position that was perfectly defenseless. These causes created the Black Republican party. Are not the seceders themselves responsible for the creation of that party? If these causes exist now and constitute a good reason for secession, ought not the move to have been made years ago? Why is the election of Lincoln a cause for secession? Can would suppose that all our rights were held at his sufferance? [illegible] there was a clear majority [illegible] votes in the Senate, and [illegible] would have been [illegible] to make it plainer. But it is an important and [illegible] come seventeen votes, and this majority could and would have been maintained for four years. Besides this, the Supreme Court was against his policy. Then what power had he against the slave States?

All that was requisite to control him and overthrow and break down his policy and that of his administration was for the Senators and Representatives of the seceding States to remain in their seats. But instead of this they left their posts and proved themselves faithless to themselves and to their country. They who appeal to you for secession have treacherously to you abandoned their places, and subjected you to the tender mercies of the free States. I am reminded by their course of the fable of the two friends and the bear, read by me as a school-boy in the spelling-book. Two friends were travelling together and were suddenly approached by a bear. One, more active than the other, climbed into a tree, the other threw himself on the ground and feigned death. The bear examined him closely and left, unwilling to prey upon what he took to be the body of a dead man; after he left, the man from the tree inquired of his companion what the bear said to him; who replied, he said this: Never trust a friend who would abandon you in the hour of danger. This, though a simple fable, is full of wisdom, and we may be able to profit somewhat by its teachings.

Here Mr. Davis went into a full and most conclusive refutation of the right of secession, taking a comprehensive view of the history of the government from its origin in the first Union of the thirteen colonies to resist the oppress va principle of taxation without representation through the articles of confederation, to the formation of the Union, made by the people themselves to secure a more perfect union. We regret we have not space to follow him in this argument, but it was one altogether worthy of his intellect. It was replete with strong and lucid argumentation on Constitutional Law, and reminded us of the glorious memories that clustered around the brow of our great and mighty nation, we must triumph. The Union must and will be preserved.

The conquer we must for our cause it is just;
Let this be our motto, "In God is our trust."
And the star spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Very truly your friend,

ARCH'D DIXON.

After which the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft resolution expressive of the views of the meeting: Hon. John J. Crittenden, W. L. Pollard, J. Y. Chambers, F. D. Wyatt, S. W. Pickering, J. B. Groom, and Dr. J. A. King.

D. W. McGeachin, Esq., was then introduced to the audience, offered a few remarks in a full of earnest and patriotic sentiments; sentiments, too, which were evident from his fervent manner sprung from the very soul of the old patriot. During the proceeding the Hall was filled and encored our national airs in the most delightful style, adding much to the entertainment of the audience.

The committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted without a dissenting voice, amidst the most deafening thunders of applause:

1. *Resolved*. That our devotion to the Union continues unabated; that we still cherish a cordial and immovable attachment to it; that we still look to it as the guardian angel of the liberty, and prosperity, and indignantly frown upon the attempts that have been made to destroy it.

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The stars and stripes were then run up by the gray haired veterans of the meeting, accompanied by the "Star Spangled Banner" from the band, and hundreds of patriotic voices, male and female.

H. G. MCNARY, Sec'y.

WASHINGTON, March 22.

Senate.—Mr. Hale offered a resolution to elect a sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, and assistant-laid over.

Mr. Powell called up his resolution for paying clerks of Committees of this session the usual compensation for sixty days.

Mr. Trumbull opposed it, considering it a gratuity, and as reform was heeded it had better begun here. The resolution was laid over.

Mr. Douglas' resolution came no.

Mr. Bayard concluded his speech.

Mr. Howe, of Wisconsin, opposed Douglas' resolution because it was wholly unnecessary, and he was not convinced of the wisdom of giving to the country the intelligence which it demanded. We have now an Administration which has professed an earnest desire to do all that is possible to maintain the authority of the United States, and not the authority of this, or that section merely. A peaceful measure of adjustment and any that he would be satisfied with. He gave way to executive session. Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, March 22.

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The following postmasters were confirmed:

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The Herald's Washington despatch says the Administration has instructed the commanders of vessels off Pensacola, not to make any move until further advised. An armistice of ten days is agreed upon between the Southern Commissioners and the Administration.

The Herald's Charleston despatch says Paymaster Hoyer visited Sumter under a flag of truce this evening and paid off fifty Government soldiers under Maj. Anderson, and the command will leave by the steamer Columbia on Saturday.

The Southern Confederacy will be recognized by France and Spain. No recognition, even upon the ex-inction of the Republican party, will restore the South to the Union.

Commander Ingraham and Captain Hartstein have left on secret service.

Some excitement was occasioned by the appearance of a steamer from the North about Sumter.

The steamer Excel left to reconnoiter.

The Tribune says Carl Shurz has been offered the choice of Portugal or any South American mission.

The Tribune also says, since Gen. Bonregard took charge of Charleston Major Anderson has been deprived of communication with the city.

WASHINGTON, March 19.

Orders have been forwarded to Major Anderson to evacuate Fort Sumter.

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The following gentlemen, it is understood, have been nominated for postmasters: John Lockwood, of Milwaukee, Sidney E. Ten Broighcat at Pittsburg, Wm. A Galnes at Frankfort, Kentucky, has been nominated for Collector of Customs at Key West. Benj. G. Farran Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis, and Samuel Long, of Ill., Consul at Lahaina, Sandwich Islands.

WASHINGTON, March 20.

Senate.—Mr. Hale offered a resolution, which lies over, that the Senate adjourn on Saturday next, at 1 o'clock P. M., sine die.

The Senate then considered the resolution of Mr. Douglas calling for information in relation to forts, arsenals, navy yards, &c., in the seceded States.

Mr. Bayard said he had at all times tried so to guard his course that no word from his lips should have a tendency to increase and foster alienation and separation. He conceived re-union to be impracticable, and these remained but one of two courses to pursue, viz: war, with a view to subjugation, or the acknowledgment of their independence as a separate nation.

Mr. Bayard indicated a proposition that he intended to offer, authorizing the President to conclude a treaty with the Confederate States, acknowledging their independence as a condition precedent, to the other alternative, civil war, would occur, which should be avoided.

He argued that the act of secession is a breach of contract, and, as such, actual revolution; but, at the same time, it is a revolution inaugurated by the people themselves, and that information derived from an authentic source warrants the assertion that whatever movements may be in progress involve no military character, but on the contrary, are in the direction of peace. They generally agree however that the military in the Gulf and the forts now held by the Federal Government has a pressure from the South.

Senate confirmations—Adams, to England; March, to Sardinia; Welch, to Turkey; Sanford, to Belgium; Thayer, Consul General to Egypt; Dudley, Consul to Cork; Grant Duff, Secretary of Legation to Spain; Francis Queen, postmaster at Niles, Michigan; Henry Stoms, postmaster at Fremont, Ohio; John B. Dykes, Superintendent of Public Printing, vice Allen, dismissed; Bowles a new government bureau; and J. W. Nye, of New York, Governor of Nevada.

The last indictment against Governor Floyd in the Court here was dismissed as untenable. The first was for a conspiracy to defraud the Government.

The District Attorney stated in open court that there was no evidence to sustain the charge, and with the leave of the court would enter a nolle prosequi.

The second indictment was malfeasance in office in issuing acceptances.

The act of 1857 prohibits prosecution where the party indicted has testified before a committee of Congress, touching the matter charged. This act has been judicially decided to be, not a privilege, but a mandate of law, and the cause would have come to an abrupt termination, on the fact appearing in a court of trial.

On the fact being submitted in advance to the court by counsel, both sides of the indictment were granted, and the case terminated.

The Commissioners of the Confederate States will wait to learn the action of the Government.

Great efforts are making by distinguished gentlemen to effect a peaceful solution of the Southern complications.

The government at Montgomery have no apprehensions of a collision at Fort Pickens. It is said that the accounts published are greatly exaggerations of the true condition of affairs there.

The Commissioners have information that the best feeling exists between the Confederate States and the officers in command of the Confederate troops, and no fear of collision was entertained.

RICHMOND, March 20.

In the Convention, Mr. Holcombe of Albemarle, made an eloquent speech in favor of withdrawal from the Union.

Mr. Randolph, relative to taxation, were considered, and, pending a motion to table them, the Convention adjourned.

Mr. Carlisle will offer an amendment to the resolutions of the Committee on Federal Relations, embodying the Franklin substitute entire.

NEW YORK, March 20.

The Commercial's Washington despatch says that Ex-Governor Boutwell declines the Treasury comptrollership.

Mr. Seward and the New York Senators held a consultation on the appointments to day.

It is understood that a mille prosequi has been entered in the Floyd case.

Large quantities of cotton are arriving at Alexandria, going north.

The Post says that T. H. Dana is urged for District Attorney of Mi

NEW ORLEANS, March 20.

Galveston, Texas, March 19.—General Houston and the Secretary of State refused to appear before the Convention on the 16th, where they had been summoned. The Ha ch vote (19 to five) the new Government. The other State officers took the oath.

Lieutenant Governor Clark was to assume the Executive office on the 18th. It was not known what Houston will do.

The Convention is rapidly mustering a defensive force on the coast. At Galveston large numbers are on the western frontier. Mr. Ford is organizing a military force to protect the Rio Grande.

The Convention passed an ordinance continuing the State Government officers who took the oath.

MEMPHIS, March 20.

The ordinance of secession and co-operation resolutions were passed by the Arkan as Convention yesterday to-day be submitted to a vote of the people for their decision. Both parties acted in a spirit of conciliation. The Convention has adjourned.

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General Twiggs declined a Brigadier Generalship in the Confederate army, on account of feeble health.

Ship Pocahontas, from New Orleans to Liverpool, is ashore on a shoal forty miles east of Key West; she is ablged and in danger of being chafed. Vessels are engaged in saving her cargo. There are no war vessels at Key West.

The city is quiet, and the people are calmly awaiting the denouement of events.

The steamer from New York with armaments for Forte Taylor and Jefferson, is over due.

Indianola, March 16.—It is stated that Lieut. Williams has resigned. Col. Bonneville, of the Third Infantry, late in command of Fort Brown, has arrived, bound for St. Louis. Two companies arrived from San Antonio, awaiting transportation. Others are expected. Lieut. Washington, U. S. army, remains assistant quartermaster and commissary, until the Federal troops shall have all left the State.

FORT SMITH, March 20.

The Navajoe war has been concluded by Col. Crossby and another expedition against the Navajoes proposed.

The troops at Forts Bliss, Quitmen, Davis, and Chadbourn have ceased to do duty and are awaiting transportation, in order to leave.

At Fort Chadbourn the two companies of Texas Rangers were stationed, and Camp Cooper was occupied by a like force.

The Quartermaster's Department in New Mexico has sufficient funds or credits and the pay department without money. The troops will soon be short of supplies of every description and will have to provide for themselves.

NASHVILLE, March 20.

Great excitement followed the voting down of the Arkansas secession ordinance at Little Rock. A compromise was made whereby the people were to vote on the first Monday of August for co-operation or secession.

Delegates are to be sent to the Border State Convention, who are to report on the third Monday in August to the Convention, which adjourned to re-assemble on that day.

CHARLESTON, March 20.

Mr. Memminger, Secretary of the Treasury, has taken measures to prevent the introduction of goods by inland routes. Officers will be stationed at all railroad connections to enforce the tariff regulations. The same precaution are to be taken to prevent smuggling on the coast line.

NEW YORK, March 21.

The World's Washington correspondent states that Capt Frazer of the 9th Infantry and Lieut. Bannon of the 3d Infantry have resigned.

It is positively known that Sumter is the island for evacuating Fort Sumter, which will be done by Saturday.

A petition has been received, signed by from 150 to 200 persons, asking for the immediate removal of Postmaster Capen of Boston.

The Administration has not ordered the reinforcement of Fort Pickens.

Mr. Bayard will consider his speech by offering a resolution authorizing a treaty with the Confederated States.

The rumor that the President is about to issue a proclamation on the state of the Union is untrue.

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In committee yesterday the third resolution was adopted—ayes 89, nays 4

Mr. Gamble offered a substitute for the fourth resolution, slightly altering the phraseology, which was adopted—ayes 89, nays 4

The fifth resolution relative to coercion was then taken up.

Mr. Donnell offered as a substitute that it is the duty for the preservation of peace that the President withdraw the military force from seceded States and abstain from collecting revenues

Mr. Hall offered an amendment to the effect that the committee is not sufficiently acquainted with the position of the Federal troops in the South to make such a request, and earnestly entreating the Federal Government to abstain from any act calculated to bring about a collision.

Mr. Shackelford offered a substitute for the amendment, that it be the opinion of this Convention that the cherished desire to preserve the country from civil war and restore fraternal feeling would be greatly promoted by the withdrawal of the federal troops from such forts within seceded States where there is danger of hostilities, and we recommend that the policy adopted and the resolutions as amended—passed 89 to 6. The sixth resolution, providing for the adjournment to December, was adopted. Several amendments were offered to the seventh resolution; pending which, the Convention adjourned.

WASHINGTON, March 21.

The correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser from this place says it is rumored that the secession movement, under the influence of the Knights of the Golden Circle, is spreading in California, but it is expected that the Federal troops and officers there are true to the Union. It is reported that the Cabinet has the subject under consideration.

WASHINGTON, March 21.

Senate.—Mr. Douglas's resolution was taken up.

Mr. Bayard resumed his remarks. He discussed the day in favor of recognizing the independence of the Confederate States. He discussed the causes leading to the withdrawal of seven States, among which was the formation and success of a sectional party hostile to slavery, and whose ultimate purpose was the extinction of slavery by the Government. He argued the right of property in slaves and the duty of protecting such right. Without concluding, the Senate went into executive session and subsequently adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Convention passed an ordinance declaring vacant the Governor's chair and that of the Secretary of State, on account of their refusal to appear before the Convention, as did other State officers, upon due notification to take the oath of allegiance.

Lieutenant-Governor Clark was to assume the gubernatorial functions at once, and the Secretary of State would be called upon to hand over the great seal of office and his official records.

The Legislature met on the 18th inst. It is not known what course Houston will pursue.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.

After a lively debate, the Convention adopted the ordinance of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States by ayes 151, nays 7.

FORT KEARNEY, March 21.

The Pony Express, with California dates to the 9th instant, passed here at 6:20 this afternoon.

The Legislature by joint vote has elected Latham for U. S. Senator on the 8th instant, with the following result: T. S. Phelps 23, McDougal 27, Weller 28, Nugent 9, Denver 17, Whitesides 5, Hoge 2.

The Republicans are expected to cast their united strength for any acceptable Union man, when such a candidate for the office of delegate is in favor of this or that or the other measure now before the country, though his position in this respect may prove most useful in determining the true question, but whether he earnestly desires a fair settlement, and will in good faith exert his influence to bring about such a settlement. This in strictness is the issue.

The proposition of the Peace Conference, the Crittenden proposition with the Powell amendment, and the various other propositions at present before the public, can enter into this canvass only as tests of the purposes of the candidates; but this is clearly a most important function. The measures in question will be highly serviceable as tests of genuine loyalty. Considered together with the current developments bearing on the same point, they will enable the people to distinguish without difficulty the true from the spurious Unionist. One who belongs to the fraternity whose leaders a fortnight or thereabouts ago set on foot the organization of clubs for the purpose of rushing Kentucky immediately out of the Union and a few days afterwards proclaimed themselves Union men at Frankfort, who denounces scornfully the proposition of the Peace Conference, which is substantially the Crittenden proposition without the Powell amendment, and, who, in the face of the impracticability of this amendment as shown in the proceedings of the Peace Conference and in the face of its abandonment as unnecessary by the highest intellects and truest spirits of the South, avows that he will go for nothing and accept nothing but the Crittenden proposition with the Powell amendment and several amendments beside or the equivalent of the whole of them, may be put down safely as a spurious Unionist. Let no such man be sent by the people to the Border Convention. He is a Disunionist in a Unionist's clothing. His whole weight would be cast in the most destructive way against any settlement whatever. On the contrary, one who from the beginning of the national troubles has acted in full and hearty accord with the friends of the Union, who acknowledges that he does not consider the Powell amendment necessary to the safety or the honor of the South, and, who, regarding the proposition of the Peace Conference as the proposition is regarded by Crittenden and Guthrie and Morehead and Wickliffe and Bell and Rives and Summers and Ruffin, avows himself ready, with such merely verbal alterations as may serve to silence misconstruction, to accept that proposition or its equivalent as a just and effectual guarantee of the rights of the South, may be put down safely as a true Unionist. The people may send him to the Border Convention without fear that he will either betray their rights or wantonly sacrifice the country.

We have touched upon these heads only by way of illustrating the bearing that we conceive the propositions now prominently before the public have on the issue at hand in Kentucky. The propositions themselves are not strictly in issue but they help the people to measure the purposes that are.

[Special Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.]
ROOM NO. 40, CAPITOL HOTEL, }
FRANKFORT, March 23. }

I was engaged until after 4 o'clock this morning in transcribing my notes of a speech delivered last night in the hall of the House of Representatives by Ex-Governor Morehead. Completely exhausted, I laid down on the bed, forgetting to extinguish my candle, and by some means fire was common cated to the papers on my table and everything combustible was consumed. I lost the full notes of the speeches of Messrs. Guthrie, Wickliffe, and Morehead, with portions of each written out, and unless these gentlemen will consent to put their views on paper again, I regard this as one of the most disastrous conflagrations that ever occurred. Fortunately, the substance of Mr. Guthrie's speech was contained in his address to the people of Louisville, but the remarks of Governors Wickliffe and Morehead are too valuable to be lost to the public, and I know I will be rebuke the desire of every lover of the Union cause when I request them to supply the loss. I may be able to give the substance of Gov. Morehead's address, but that would not show the elegance of diction and the forceful argument which he employed.

The excited debate in both Houses yesterday, on the bills to repeal the appropriation of $10,000 towards rebuilding the Lunatic Asylum at Hopkinsville, has attracted much attention, and it seems proper that the police of its reconstruction should be carefully considered. It is alleged that the supply of water is insufficient, that it will be chiefly for the accommodation of the new hospital house instead of an asylum, and that the mortality in the Institution has been excessive and affords the highest evidence that the site is not adapted for the purposes intended. Prior to the late legislative recess, It was alleged that an abundant supply of water had been obtained; this is now contradicted by the admitted fact that the managers are engaged night and day in boring an artesian well, which has reached a depth of more than nine hundred feet, and the supply of water is not only still inadequate, but its level falls lower as the boring descends. It will be remembered that the artesian well in Louisville did not reach a sufficient flow of water for ordinary purposes, and when it was supplemented by the hydraulic dedicated as well as totally unfit for domestic use. Is there not a great probability that the same thing may occur in Christian county, for I presume the geological formation of the two parts of the State is the same. The mortality at the Asylum ranges in the neighborhood of fifteen per cent, while at the Eastern Institution, located at Lexington, it is only about three and a half per cent An attempt has been made to account for this disparity by the allegation that old chronic cases had been sent from Lexington to Hopkinsville, but an examination of the reports from these institutions will show that no patients have been sent from the Lexington Asylum since 1854, and then it seems clear to me that no selection could have been made, as the law directed the division and removal of patients according to geological residence. Under the law thirty-nine patients, whose residences were In the First, Second, and Third Congressional districts, were sent to Hopkinsville. During the past year fifty patients were sent to the Lexington Asylum, more than half of whom were old chronic cases, and the total number now there is two hundred and thirty-two, of whom more than two hundred are considered incurable lunatics, while the average age at the time of admission and discharge has not varied materially for years. All these facts go to show that no satisfactory explanation has been given for the unparalleled mortality at Hopkinsville, while Senator Whitaker on yesterday read a report just received from there which states that the drainage was far from perfect and in consequence the running water in the neighborhood was polluted. There is another fact alluded to yesterday by Senator Pennybaker, in dulting terms, and that is that our Louisville architects have been superseded without cause, as all who know them and their moderate estimates will confess, and superseded to in favor of the Cincinnati architect, under whose superintendance the original building was constructed, and who was charged with most unjustifiable extravagance. Is it not time that Kentucky mechanics, those from abroad? I hear great surprise expressed at the persistent opposition of the friends of the Hopkinsville site to the appointment of a competent commissioner to report on the eligibility of their places for a Lunatic Asylum; Mr. Pennybaker "hoped not because they feared the result." We hope our Hopkinsville friends will clear all these matters up. I have no feeling on the subject of site, and have alluded to the subject because I want the obnoxious bounty of the State to be most advantageously distributed, and because the wretched class of beings to be provided for have the largest claims upon the public sympathy and protection. Let the work be suspended at Hopkinsville then until a full and impartial comparison has been made between all the proposed sites. If Hopkinsville has the proper and indispensable natural advantages of water and salubrity, there is no part of the State where I should be better pleased to see the money of the State expended.

I see that the New Castle Democrat calls Mr. Jacob the mis representative of Oldham county, because he voted against giving the use of the Hall of Representatives for the Disunion Convention held here last Wednesday. I belong to the same Union party which Mr. Jacob so gloriously supports, and have never sympathized with his politics when he was a Democrat, but I feel called upon now to say that his vote was just such a vote as I should have given had I been a Representative. The Disunionists professed to instruct the Legislature; six gentlemen originated the call for the convention, and would, if they had the power, compel members of the General Assembly to violate their oaths and their fidality to the Union. No courtesy should have been extended to men with such designs, and therefore the vote of Mr. Jacob was eminently proper, and I do not believe his course will be disapproved by his constituents.

In Senate this morning Senator Grover, from the Committee on Finance, has reported a bill repealing the act relating to the registration of births, deaths, and marriages, and of course vacating the office of Register held by Dr Samuel M. Bemiss. It is to be much regretted that leg islation cannot induce clergymen and physicians to impart the necessary information to render those statistics perfect, but the fact is, that notwithstanding the application of the Registrar and the full cooperation of some professional gentlemen, the returns are so meagre that their classification instead of being an advantage to the statisticians mislead them and tend to errors and misinformation. It will be a source of great future detriment to Kentucky should the registration bureau be abolished, but I fear that under the circumstances, It will be compulsory upon the Legislature to do so, for the maintenance involves a heavy expense without any corresponding benefit. I refer to the subject, however, more particularly for the sake of stating that Dr. Bemiss held in the highest regard here, and that it is the neglect of those who ought to make returns to him which has induced the Senate Committee to take the action I have indicated.

The Senate was occupied nearly all the morning on a bill to allow the Courts not to hold their terms until next fall, but there was no decision at the adjournment for dinner, and it will come up again in the afternoon session.

The House Committee on the Judiciary reported back the bill to suspend all civil courts until next December, with a substitute which provides that no chancery, circuit, or quarterly police judge, or justice of the peace, shall proceed with any civil cause now pending or hereafter to be commenced, and that all cases depending, recognizances and bonds civil, shall stand continued until the next erms after the first of next: December. But the judges may hear and determine all criminal or penal cases, and the bill shall not be construed to limit or prevent the issuing of attachments distraining orders or other process on absconding debtors or non resident offenders. Mr. Mechen proposed to substitute September for December, but Mr. McElroy opposed the change, and a motion to lay the bill and amendments on the table was negatived. Mr. Machen's substitute was adopted. Mr. Alexander, of Greenup, moved to add the judges, &c., shall have power to make any order incidental to or necessary in the preparation of any civil cause, which was also adopted. Mr. Machen proposed to amend by demand for Eastern Exchange, the selling rate for which is be 2 cent. premium and the buying rate ¼ cent. premium New Orleans exchange is dull and is sold at ½ per cent. premium. Currency has improved and the demand for it is very strong. Ohio, New York, Indiana, New England, and Louisiana banks are taken at par, Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia notes 10 @ cent dis., Illinois 5 per cent, Missouri 4 @ cent, and Tennessee 3@3¼ per cent.

The Philadelphia Ledger warrants a shade better as to demand, we consequently quote them a little higher this week. viz:

	Buying.	Selling.
100 acres	.8 60	9 70
120 "	60	65
80 "	65	75
40 "	90	1 05

There are very few offering and we look for no material change this week. Sales reported at private sale at 10 @ 12½ per acre.

The bills reported relative to taxation were considered, and, pending a motion to table them, the Convention adjourned.

Mr. Carlisle will offer an amendment to the resolutions of the Committee on Federal Relations, embodying the Franklin substitute entire.

NEW YORK, March 20.

The Commercial's Washington despatch says that Ex-Governor Boutwell declines the Treasury comptrollership.

Mr. Seward and the New York Senators held a consult

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Agricultural.

Large Corn Crops.—Mr. Ellis R. Lake, of Marion county, Indiana, received the premium of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture, last year, for the largest crop of corn on five, and ten acres. He raised on a single ... bushels, and on five acres the produce ...ged 247 bushels. Mr. L. had four competitors, whose crops on one, five, and ten ... ranged from 210½ bushels down to 115. ...are not pleased in possession of all the facts ...tive to the mode of culture, the soil, season, &c., which would serve to guide us in forming an opinion with respect to the causes which operated to bring about these astonishing results. The chief points are, however, given and may be thus stated: The kind of corn used was Mr. Ellis R. Lake was the large yellow, but whether first or gourd seed he does not say. It was harrowed and weighed between the 5th and the 10th of October. As to soil and cultivation, we give his own statement:

Quality of soil, a sand and loam based on clay. Broken up about ten inches deep, by the 15th of May, and planted from the 10th to the 15th of the same month, in rows one way three feet apart, and the plants from five to six inches apart in the rows. Plowed with a shovel plow three times. The whole cost of cultivation and seed $4 85 per acre.

The ten acre field the soil was exactly of the same kind as that of the one acre, and the ...ro last of both was equal—263 bushels—but the mode of culture was different. On the ten acres he plowed but six inches deep—"planted in rows three feet and a half each way, with four or five grains in a hill"—how many stalks were finally left is not mentioned—plowed four times with a shovel plow and hoed over after the first plowing—which was one plowing and hoeing more than the single acre got.

The cultivation of the five acres was, in every respect, similar to the last, but the land was plowed eight inches deep. Description of soil not given.

Hints for Corn Culture.—Mr. R C. Kendall furnishes the Baltimore Rural Register with his views on corn culture. He writes plainly and like one who understands what he writes on

As an almost universal practice, the preparation of our corn lands, and the planting thereof, is turned off in too much of a hurry to be well and thoroughly accomplished; and, as we intend but few remarks to apply rather to the culture than to the material preparation of the soils, we will suppose that to have been properly accomplished, and give our attention first to the plow.

It is by far too prevalent, and altogether a mistaken policy, to plow over the surface, turning, furrow fast into the ground, and depending main dependence on commercial fertilizers for the produce too of a satisfactory crop. Under all favorable circumstances, the foreign manures may realize our expectations for one year; provided the season does not set them at too extravagant figure. But in spring, when the seeds and other drouths intervene, and we find that not all the mercantile manures in the market are of themselves a guarantee against a failure. Proper culture is the only certain preventive against such disappointment; and this, in order to be in every sense efficient, should be attended with the first furrow turned, and be continued systematically until the crop is made and housed.

Every proprietor of the soil would bear constantly in mind the fact that he is not simply a superficial land owner, but that his possession extend to the very centre of the earth, and that he has got soil well worth the searching after, lying only a few inches below the sole of his boot, so he tramp along his furrow. Indeed, he might the more readily be induced to look his drag chains a notch or two higher in the *clevis*, and send his plow point downwards in search of that virgin soil that cultivation never yet has energized.

As nearly all our lands in this region are undulated at a moderate depth, with a subsoil of hard, and clay, impervious to water, the result of heavy and continued rains, which very generally follow the planting of our corn-fields, is such as to deter many farmers from young corn, on all low, level fields, or the washing it away, along with most of the manure, and a large per centage of the land itself, on all fields having a sufficient inclination to allow the water to run freely. Deep plowing in both cases would almost entirely secure the embryo crop against such disastrous results. If our corn lands were thoroughly broken up, to the depth of eleven inches, they would absorb about four times the quantity of water they do as ordinarily plowed, and still leave the surface comparatively dry, even after a severe and long continued spring rain. As for "washings," of which there is now such general complaint, we should hear very little of them; nor of the failure of the crop from drought owing to the fearfully capacity of the soil as a reservoir would afford a supply of moisture that would outlast all ordinary droughts. It is true that the more soluble portions of the manures might find their way down to a depth just below their sphere of immediate action; but they would not be lost, and their deposit there would be more satisfactory than the knowledge that they had floated away to parts unknown

The soaking of seed corn in various liquids, for six, twelve, or twenty-four hours, previous to planting, as is of late the general practice, is a good general one. It could be insured a long continued drouth immediately following the planting, the soaking process might be productive of good results as insuring speedy germination; but as on the contrary, we are very generally visited with one or more cold, very wet fields, of considerable duration, just after we have committed our seed to the earth, gorged, by soaking it, we secure the loss of one fourth by rotting in the hill, the annoyance of repeating, at a time when other work thereon, and the satisfaction of seeing that portion which has started, our hydropathic treatment, growing up pale, feeble, and yellow-looking stalks. We hold that three pints of common gas tar, thoroughly stirred into a bushel of seed corn, until every grain receives a coating of the tar, and then the whole mixed well together, (a shake, and dry loam, until it is no longer sticky, is the best possible preparation for seed corn; as efficient protection against rot, the depredations of crows, jays, field mice, and ground squirrels, and the best remedy yet discovered against the insidious attacks of the wire worm.

As corn, more than any other of our cereals, requires during the whole period of its growth, an undivided supply of sunshine, not only over the surface of the field, but down, in, through, and among it, the economy of planting should be such as, in the circumstances will permit, be adapted to this requirement. The row in the field running as nearly east and west as may be, that the ground and lower portions of the stalks may have the full benefit of the morning and evening sun. During the corn-growing season, the sun during the middle of the day, at an altitude so nearly vertical, that its rays find their way down through the foliage, and between the rows very readily. It, instead of planting their corn in hills, *rowed* both ways, four feet apart, two stalks in a hill, for example, would plant in rows three feet apart, running always east and west, having the stalks from ten to twelve inches distant from each other, they would soon find the benefit of this mode of culture, both in the excess of crops produced, and the maturity of the grain. A prodigious yield of product, it is to be expected from a field thus planted, and as the vine of the pumpkin draws more than eighty per cent of its nourishment from the atmosphere, they relieve a good deal more than value received to the soil, on the genial shade of their broad leaves during the hottest hours of a mid-summer's day.

An old farmer, of long practical experience, once argued to us that actual sunshine was by no means a necessity of the best development of Indian corn; provided it was supplied with plenty of common daylight. In order that we one positions fairly, we planted twenty hills of the ordinary Kentucky gourd seed corn, on the north side of a cedar board fence ten feet high, and running due east and west. On the south side of the fence, we planted a like number of hills of the same corn. As from April to September, the sun rose and set north of our parallel, of course the sun on that side got a little ascendancy in spite of us. Nevertheless with exactly the same culture as its neighbor on the south side, the corn on the north side outstrips the height, not half the size of stalk, and matured ten days later, yielding one very indifferent ear per stalk, while the south side stalks gave us in almost every instance three; one on each stalk being invariably larger than the largest ear on the north side.

One day when rowing in our garden corn field of a quarter of an acre, we sat down a half hour, and closely observed the character of the *insects* everywhere about us radiating from the corn stalks, from one to three inches over before. Referring to Langstroth's book, we find he says: "The raspberry is a great favorite with the bees, and furnishes a very delicious honey. I have often noticed that when it is in bloom, bees pay but little regard to any other flower, holding even the white clover in light esteem. In stooping blossoms seem to protect the honey from moisture, and the bees are able to gather from it in weather too wet for them to obtain anything from the upright blossoms of the clover." He also mentions the fact that it furnishes a succession of flowers for some weeks, and says in regards it as the very best pasturage for bees with which he is acquainted.—M. E. B., in *Ohio Farmer.*

How to Raise Early Tomatoes.—About the first of March, take a few large turnips and cut out the heart of them, so as to form a sort of cup. Fill the cavities with earth, and plant two or three tomato seeds in each. When the seeds have well sprouted, pull up all but the healthiest plant in each turnip, and let those that remain stand where they will have the benefit of the sun; the plant will grow very thrifty—the decaying turnip furnishing it food. When the weather becomes sufficiently warm, set the turnips in well prepared soil, not less than three feet apart, make the lath frames to keep the vines from the ground, and keep the soil well hilled up around them, and you will have a crop that will astonish the natives. The advantage consists in getting the plants started early without setting them back in transplanting.

☞We guess the Confederate States had better not impose a duty on Kentucky wheat, corn, rye, barley, and oats. If they do they'll find that it will "go very much against the grain."

Speech of the Hon. Wm. C. Rives at Richmond.—This effective effort, referred to in the letter of our Richmond correspondent in another column, is thus noticed by the Richmond Despatch of the 9th instant:

In consequence of the announcement that the Hon. Wm. C. Rives would address the citizens, a very large number of persons assembled last night at the African Church. Mr. Rives, after being introduced to the audience by Marmaduke Johnson, Esq., proceeded at once to review the action of the late Peace Conference, of which he was a member, expressing his confidence of convincing his hearers that the proposition which had been denounced as an abortion, a sham, and a delusion, was the most complete and fairest settlement of the controversy that could have emanated from any quarter whatever.

He gave his views of the several provisions embodied in the Conference Proposition, examining each one *seriatim*, and declared that they covered every particle of ground, in the most satisfactory manner, occupied by the Crittenden propositions, and gave even more guarantees for the security of the South.

The grave question now agitating the country could never be settled by politicians. It was, he said, their interest to keep alive the agitation, while it was the interest of the people to bury it forever. It was that the Peace Conference—a body coming fresh from the people—had produced a result so auspicious. The voice of the people must speak out and command the peace between the warring sections. He repudiated the idea that all that had been gained by the Peace Conference was to be lost. If the people would look calmly at the propositions they would find that they contained a loyal and manly adjustment of the difficulties. Congress had not given the reference which the Conference requested, but the people have a power higher than Congress. The Virginia Convention can ask other States to take the proposition as a peace offering. He thought there was no difficulty in devising ways and means to bring the matter before the people. It would be acceptable to the Border States, and he had assurances from Pennsylvania and New York that it could be carried there by immense majorities.

Was Virginia, then, when in sight of the promised land, to bolt out into the wilderness of the South? (Mingled cries of "no" and "yes.") Virginia has played a great role in history, and it was not now in stora for her to play a smaller role, coming in as the "tail of the South Confederacy." It was hars to reconstruct the Union, and to bring back her erring sisters. He alluded to the past history of Virginia, and to her great sacrifices in building up the Government; and paid an eloquent tribute to her early patriots, who consecrated the best wisdom of their lives to the construction of the fabric. She now has the moral power to save the Union, while no other State possesses. She is the acknowledged leader of the Border States. She holds the banner, and they follow where she leads.

He alluded to the geographical position of Virginia, and asked if she was to be dragged out at the bidding of one State—a State which defied the tariff, and was built her. He had no ill feeling towards our Southern sisters. He wanted to see them come back, but it was well ther should understand that Virginia is mistress of her own destiny. Applause.] He said this to one side as well as the other. She should not be precipitated into secession by one side, nor intimidated by threats of federal power on the other. She stood at the head of the Macedonian phalanx of Border States; and in reply to the question, where should Virginia go? he would say, go neither North nor South, but with them.

He thought if the Union was broken up there would be several confederacies. His fortunes were with Virginia, and he would sink or swim with her; but he had no idea of being dragged into any new connection without consideration. His closing remarks look to a consolidation of the Border States, and eventual reconstruction of the Union upon new and firmer basis. He thought the secession leaders would gladly avail themselves of any decent pretext to come back.

Richmond, March 14, 1861.

To the Editors of the Louisville Journal:

I have been now for several weeks almost a daily attendant upon the sessions of the Virginia State Convention. Having learned well its political complexion, both inside and outside of the Hall, having listened to Commissioner Preston's patriotic, pathetic, and soul-electrifying eloquence in vindication of South Carolina's resistance to sectional aggression and oppression, having heard Seddon's (the Commissioner to the Peace Congress) bold, strong, and masterly exposition before the Richmond people of a "miserable abortion, the Franklin substitute," having witnessed the best demonstration this city can afford to glorify the raising at the Fish Market of the Palmetto flag, I am convinced, beyond the possibility of contingency, that without some decidedly and unequivocally hostile damonstration by the Administration, *immediate secession* in Virginia is as dead as a door nail.

I have all along seen the great preponderance in the General Assembly and in the Convention for the Union, for adjustment.

I have been gratified by the many sentimental laudations of the stars and stripes of our grand and glorious tample of liberty, of the Revolutionary fathers, of the proud memorials of the old sages of American Independence, and of the American Constitution, but this was only the music of the orchestra, the prelude and voluntary before the splendid drama to be enacted in the close, searching analysis of Wm. C. Rives, and of Geo. W. Summers, exhibited in their examination of what is conceded and secured by the basis of settlement adopted by the Peace Congress.

My conclusion after hearing Summers on the floor of the Convention on two consecutive days, for three hours each, is that the doctrine and practice of the Immediate secession of Virginia is killed stone dead.

There ought to be 100,000 copies of that speech circulated in Kentucky alone.

There are yet to be heard on the same theme, Scott, Marshall, and Baldwin.

It is my opinion that the Convention will endorse the result of the labors of the Peace Conference, and recommend the Border slave State Convention, appoint commissioners to the same to be held at Frankfort, and then adjourn until after the close of that Convention.

When men, Virginians, born to the manor, whose education, associations, and prejudices are all Virginian, slave owners and landholders, largely too, men whose intelligence, patriotism, State pride, of the States Rights school, is not surpassed by any who labor for the honor, dignity, safety, and prosperity of the Commonwealth, battle for their rights in the Union, and are opposed to secession as bringing a greater train of evils than is now suffered, and encourage the hope of a final restoration of unity, harmony, peace, and progress, their position must control the majority of dispositions and reflecting men.

Let the friends of the Union be encouraged. Already the wise and firm, calm dignity of Virginia has exerted its influence upon the Administration.

Had Virginia seceded her decision would have controlled the other Border Slave States, and have withdrawn one powerful motive to the Republican party to preserve the peace.

A master stroke of wisdom, of policy, if you please, the Administration adopts, to abandon Southern State defences, and thus save the Border States, and shed some faint light upon the possibility of an ultimate reconciliation of the Cotton States and the restoration of the Union.

One of the conductors of the leading press of Virginia says to his coadjutors of the Journal: "Stand firm, strike blow after blow. Victory, glorious to the whole country, will yat perch upon our banner."

☞The Charleston Mercury, when announcing the anticipated evacuation of Fort Sumter, accompanied it with the following comments:

The intelligence contained in our telegraphic columns this morning will gratify our readers. Sumter is to be ours without a fight. All will be rejoiced that the blood of our people is not to be shed in our harbor, in either small or great degree. To those who have troubled themselves with the wayward fears of war on a large scale, and the horrors of war extensively, the relief will be as great as the apprehension has been grievous. We, ourselves, notwithstanding all the Northern thunder, have never been able to bring ourselves seriously to believe in the probability of any more than a few collisions sufficient to show that we were in earnest, and competent to make good our position of independence against our would-be masters. Those gentry "had our color light," as also the honesty of the determination of the Southern people to be quit of them and their impertinent and datrimental Interference through a Government in common. It may, perhaps, yet be necessary to instruct them a little in these particulars But it appears that for the present, under the circumstances in this case, they are inclined sensibly to dispense with the experiment and its teachings. Under this discretion will reverably the hopes and stimulate the efforts of reconstructionists throughout the South, as will do to our side as well as the other. She should not be precipitated into secession by one side, nor intimidated by threats of federal power on the other. The people of the South stood at the head of the Macedonian phalanx of Border States; and in reply to the question, where should Virginia go? he would say, go neither North nor South, but with them.

[For the Louisville Journal.]

"DON'T DO IT TILL I AM DEAD."

"On the day of the meeting of the Secessionists at Kingston, Georgia, a Revolutionary soldier returned to his residence in Cook county, on the railroad, though his eyes were so dim that he could not see well. He was told that they were by log to get the people to dissolve, or secede from, the Union. Whereupon he dropped his withered form, and seemed to be in deep distress for one a few minutes, after which he raised up his head, and, with a faltering voice, said: 'Oh, don't do that till I am dead.' While he uttered these words the large tears chased each other down the worn cheeks. He was told that a great number of men would try to prevent them; to which he replied: 'Don't let them do that till I am dead.'"—*Southern paper.*

AN OLD SOLDIER'S PRAYER IN THE "CRISIS."

They spoke of it within the crowded car,
And the old soldier heard, as one who dreams,
Threats of division, talk of civil war,
And glib discussion of secession schemes;
They saw him raise his feeble, trembling hands,
And bow, in bitter grief, his aged head,
He only answered to their law demands—
"Don't let them do it!"—"Not till I am dead!"

"You, that were born to freedom and to peace,
Know not the price you hold, and flag awag;
Bring sudden, fratricidal discord near,
You pine and weary for the baby fray;
Go hant the heathen of the frozen North!
Or teach the Southern savage fear and dread,
But lend no fratricidal armies forth—
Oh do not do it—not till I am dead!"

"Shall oaths, made sacred by the seal of years,
Fall to oblivion, broken by a breath?
Shall time, cemented by our blood and tears,
Dissolve, are we who framed them taste of death?
Oh God forbid it! let me go, I pray,
Before these hands with kindred blood are red—
If treacherous guardians will their trust betray,
Don't let them do it, until I am dead!"

"Ye know not how we suffered, how we wrought,
To rear the fair foundation ye would spoil;
In famine, toil, and poverty we fought,
With wounds and weariness and pain and toil;
Oh was our triumph of so little worth,
So vain the blood we spent—the tears we shed?
Go, raze the glorious structure to the earth!
But do not do it, until I am dead!"

"Ah, then these sister-foes were weak and poor,
And linked their doubtful destinies in one;
The giant tyranny was at the door,
But, strong in Union, noble deeds were done—
Mighty and rich and proud to-day they stand—
But love, with fear and poverty, is fled,
And warring factions threaten the fair land.
Don't help them! Don't do that till I am dead!"

"We fought for freedom, harmony, and peace,
A wedded Union and a rich domain;
What have we now? Dissevered ties like these,
Lioness and war and anarchy again;
Oh, Northern patriots, true as tempered steel!
Oh, Southern hearts, in vain our blood was shed
To bind the conquest that our children's zeal
Dissolves in ruin after we are dead!"

"The little cloud, no bigger than my hand,
That lower'd between us, has grown vast and broad;
Its wide, black shadow, sweeping o'er the land,
Shuts out the sunlight and the smiles of God
But ere its lightning terrors scathe and slay,
And ere its threatening thunders burst," he said,
"Give a worn veteran time to pass away—
Don't let them do it, until I am dead!"

"CAPRICE"

The Affairs of Italy.—It is interesting to see how the affairs of Italy march steadily onward, from the goal of Italian Unity, the grand consummation for which every enlightened son of that beautiful land has sighed during the last fourteen centuries. Italy lost her unity when Odoacer, the German, overthrew the Western Roman Empire (A. D 476) and dethroned the weak and incompetent Romulus Augustulus. Since that day, Italy has never had another one government. The Northern part, with the exception of the Republics of Venice and Genoa, was long under the dominion, direct or indirect of the emperors of Germany, and in later times of the House of Hapsburg. In the middle the Bishops of Rome and the petty tyrants that subverted the Italian republics in the Middle Ages, held sway. While in the South, the Normans, the House of Hohenstaufen, the French, and the Spanish Bourbons, have, in succession, borne rule for a thousand years. Even the tendency of the political changes in Italy, as well as the yearning of the people, have been in the direction of national unity. The formation of the Kingdom of Sicily in the beginning of the last hundred and fifty years ago, the extension of the dominion of Austria into Lombardy, and the annexation of Venetia; for although political vagaries and the summersaults of political harlequins may astonish and amuse for a time, and when the cost of the amusement is not too great, there will be found a few who can see through much to bring about a state of things, as we now see, that was favorable to Italian Unity. So did the bringing of the Duchies of Tuscany, Parma, Modena, and Lucca under Austrian rule, though there is an immense work of consolidation, of construction, of training to be done, before the twenty-two millions of Italians now under the sceptre of Victor Emanuel will be thoroughly accustomed to the dominion of the constitution and the law. Almost everything is to be done, especially in the former "Kingdom of the Two Sicilies" and the Papal States, a sufficient time, unfortunately, the *schoolmaster is never been abroad*, and when the press has never been free until within a few months.

The Italians must learn to be patient. The lesson may ha hard, but it is a most important one. Their nation will be united, and Victor Emanuel will be crowned King of Capitoline Hill, and take up his abode in the City of the Cæsars. Tha day is not vary distant; but it cannot be hastened by impatience. This Cavour and most of the great men of Italy are fully aware of. No doubt not that Garibaldi himself is of the same thinking. Ha will probably, therefore, deem it best to stay for the present on the Island of Caprera, far away, by the side of the greater Island of Sardinia. Ha will be ready to fly to when the proper time comes.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

[Telegraphed to the Cincinnati paper.]

Washington, March 16.

In the case of Fort Sumter, it is presumed that the necessity of making preparations for the safe removal of the garrison has so far delayed the issuing of the order to evacuate. The evacuation may now be expected at any moment. As to the other forts in the seceded States, yet occupied by federal troops, I am able to state positively that they will be held to the last extremity, and that they will soon be so strongly reinforced as to make them proof against all the armies the rebel government at Montgomery will be able to raise. Unanimity of opinion on this part of the Southern question prevails in the Cabinet, and will be carried upon most decisively.

I am informed by good authority, that Secretary Chase will make drafts upon all the defaulting Southern Collectors and Sub treasurers, for all moneys belonging to the Government in the next few days, and that immediately after their return, steps will be taken for the collection of duties by men-of-war.

The Southern Commissioners are still vainly waiting for a reply to their first and last communication to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Forsyth, an old personal friend of the President, and a resident of Washington for many years, will doubtless be appointed Postmaster of this city. A former despatch gave us to understand that Mr. Forsyth was to be honored by the appointment of Mr. Seaton, of the National Intelligencer.

H. R. Jaques, the author of "Impending Crisis of the South," is an applicant for the consulship at Manchester, England.

The Naval Department has official information that the supply ship which furnishes oil to the light-houses on the Atlantic coast, has been seized by the Texas authorities, together with the stock of oil on board.

The affairs of the Inauguration Ball have been settled, and it proves a financial failure. Between six and seven hundred tickets were sold, but two hundred were disposed of at a distance, the committee would have received the evidences of the love for the Union than has Col. Garrard. It is known to all, that during the session of the Legislature his whole influence was given openly and zealously in favor of every measure advocated by the friends of the Constitution for the preservation of the Union, and that his course was as highly conservative as was that of any friend of the Union, however zealous he may have been. For one, although I am not now, or have I ever been, a Democrat, I prefer Col. Garrard for the office ha now fills, and of the duties of which he has hitherto discharged with so much fidelity, because, first, he is well qualified and has had four years experience in the office, and, second, because he belongs to my party, and that party is the Union party.

I intend to know no party distinctions other than such as are drawn by a devotion to the Union and its opposers. I consider this to be the only question, and; all other things being equal, I will not vote to turn any friend of the Union out of office merely for the sake of a change. U. S.

☞Port of Entry.—We understand that there has been some talk at Vicksburg recently about making that place a port of entry. Already a Collector has been appointed, and certain ... have had to get ...

The Vice President of the United States, the last Postmaster General, the present Secretary of the Interior, and the present Secretary of War, were all editors.

☞The New Orleans True Delta shows up the mode by which the people have been excluded from all direct participation in the recent secession movements, and how the usurping Legislatures and Conventions have actually taken action against the popular will. The Delta article is full of significance:

Who Cares for the People?—In the movements that preceded, accompanied, and are likely to attend the consummation of the extraordinary revolution which has overthrown this government, nothing which has occurred is so remarkable as the heroic disregard of the popular strength and sovereignty which has signalized it. The State of Louisiana first commenced its share of the work that has been done, by recording the vote of the people against separate secession and a cotton confederacy; but scarcely had the delegates, elected with this recorded protest of the people before them, met in convention, than they utterly disregarded the restriction, and, in the style of John Perkins, Jr., ridiculed the idea of popular sovereignty. Then followed as a matter of course the election from among themselves of delegates to another convention of another State, the assembling again by the members of this usurping cabal of members from among themselves to constitute a provisional government with just such limitations upon their irresponsible will as they themselves might see fit to impose, and with no other check upon their possession of place and power but such as may spill the interests or convenience of their mighty highnesses for appearance sake to create. We are told that in their secret wigwam they have made a constitution; we are told that we have imposed rules, laws, and regulations ruinous to this city; and while the first, in some future day, may see the light and be fastened upon the people locally, we are in no doubt that, in the second, a different regime is upon us. The Louisiana delegation in the Montgomery dark-lantern conclave have, however, gracefully appeared in print, with the comforting declaration that they and their associates are deliberating for their reciprocal advantage with unexampled harmony conciliation, and fraternity; and that there is perfect truth in this assurance may implicitly be believed, for in the distribution of places and profits among each other, with the slugla reconcilery of our distinguished compatriot the Hon. Thomas Slidell, who declined playing second fiddle to preapitator Yancey, everything has gone merry as a marriage bell. See with what alacrity, even to the neglect of his libel suit against the Yale story editors, our little man Benjamin hurried off to Montgomery, where, buckled in the heaps of official requisitions, Tale and its reminiscences, Houmas lands and the Floyd acceptances, are alike passed into utter forgetfulness. And all these impo tant movements it is therefore laughable to find on occasional recollection of the possible dissatisfaction of the people some of these days at the hideous farce in the political history, and to see the lieutenant, so decidedly perform to the former's injury and the sacrifice of their best interests; for the most purblind of the dark lanternites cannot be such a fool as to suppose that the people will never think of what the p rils that surround them imperatively require for their own preservation, or that the day will not soon come when the actors in the present scene will be called to a strict accountability. To vote themselves enormous salaries, to distribute among each other grand offices, and to legislate for the creation of ... privileges, and Imports nce unknown in the past history of America, may, for the present, all appear right in the estimation of the members and clansmen conclave at Montgomery, who, sharing the contempt for amenability to popular control, expressed by Mr. John Perkins, Jr., think no more of it than they do of the last ... in the comfortable saddle to enable them to ride, drive, slash, and spur the American people whose labor, industry, intelligence, and enterprise are now in the hands of the Yancey and associates guidance of their imperious masters. We are somewhat dubious whether this complacent view of their exalted destinies will long be allowed unquestioned to the Montgomery Yancey, Memminger or of that or any other convention, and although the power of the people is hard at times to arouse to needful action, sooner or later it must come forth, and when it does rise to its full height, cutting off its commercial profits, or withdraw her squadron, let her colonies go to ruin, and continue to be, as she now was, the greatest consumer of slave produce in the world. (Cheers.)

☞We republish the following letter from the Danville Tribune:

Grand Union Demonstration by the Steady Yeomanry of Garrard County.—On Saturday, March 16th, 1861, there was a large concourse of persons, composed of the ladies and gentlemen of Garrard county, convened at the church in Bryantsville.

The meeting was called in order by Richard M. Robinson, Esq., whereupon Col. Hall Anderson rose and stated that in reading the chronicles of the Kings of the Jewish nation, he found that God always blessed those who had shown their forgetfulness of their obligations to their God, he therefore, in behalf of the assembly, requested that the Rev. Burdett Kemper be called into the pulpit and implore the Hon. Thomas Shiddl, to the congregation to the God of nations, to which call the man of God readily consented by offering up a very appropriate and devout prayer on the preservation of the Union. After which Benjamin M. Burdett, Esq., on behalf of the ladies of Bryantsville, in a short and very appropriate speech, presented a beautiful flag, which was received and responded thereon—"God Save the Union—*to the Citizens of Garrard County.*"

God Anderson then addressed the meeting for about one hour and a half, and spoke for them, in a very lucid and pointed manner, showing the absurdity and treasonable influences of the secession movement. Giving South Carolina the great credit of having the honor of first inaugurating and implicating the other seceding States in following her lead, and giving justice to the North, wherein she had acted right, and properly blaming her when she had acted wrong. His remarks, we have inspired the coldest heart to patriotism to have seen the aged ex-Senator, in the midst of his speech, when referring to the flag of the country, in tones of deepest solicitude, that he wished no better wishing sheet for his mortal remains than that glorious old flag—that flag that it was his pride to have followed in battle in his youth, and take up his abode in the City of the Cæsars. Tha day is not vary distant; but it cannot be hastened by impatience. This Cavour and most of the great men of Italy are fully aware of. No doubt not that Garibaldi himself is of the same thinking. Ha will probably, therefore, deem it best to stay for the present on the Island of Caprera, far away, by the side of the greater Island of Sardinia. Ha will be ready to fly to when the proper time comes.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

New York, March 19.

The Times' Washington despatch says: Indications from Texas are that there will be an armed collision between the friends of Houston and the secessionists. Many advocate keeping the Federal troops in that State to co-operate with and protect the Unionists.

The seizure of the vessel with oil, &c., for light houses at Galveston, is considered most dasterdly and cowaidly. It was effected by one Sherman, with a so-called vigilance committee.

Atlanta, Ga., March 18.

The Florida Convention will reassemble in April. Two persons have been arrested for burning the town of Newport, and will probably be hung by the people.

Washington, March 19.

Detriot, Chicago, and Portland have been constituted exchange offices for the French as well as the British mails to be conveyed via Portland and Liverpool or Ravlere du Loupeaul Liverpool, to take effect the 1st of April next. The Western postmasters will accordingly send letters for France to the present offices of cities as above mentioned instead of New York city.

W. H. Russell, the founder of the Pony Express, has concluded a contract with the Overland Mail Co., transferred by him last session of Congress. The central route to run the mail and pony from the Mississippi river, connecting with the Overland Co. at Salt Lake.

The accounts of the census marshals in the Confederated States have not yet been settled, as the latter withheld the public money from which to make the necessary disbursements for payment.

The State Department is about transferring to the several States a notification of the passage by Congress of the following proposed amendments to the Constitution, which shall become valid when ratified by three-fourths of the Legislatures, viz: No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress power to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State.

New York, March 18.

The World's Washington despatch states that opinion is universal that there will be no extra session of Congress.

Gov. Roman, the Southern Commissioner, has arrived.

It is rumored that Major Anderson and company have been ordered to Newport, Ky.

Geo. Orfutt, for 15 years chief clerk in the Auditor's office, has resigned, and goes to Montgomery.

The Tribune says the War Department has received a despatch from Maj Anderson, indorsed by all the officers of Fort Sumter, saying that the Fort cannot be reinforced without 20,000 men.

The Times says the reason for the resignation of Engineer Archibald was the offer of the same post in the Confederate States, and the grant of a furnished house.

Richmond, March 19.

The Committee on Federal Relations to-day reported the proposed amendment to the Constitution. It is Franklin's substitute changed by using the expression "involuntary servitude," instead of "persons sold to slavery."

The rights of foreigners are not to be impaired by congressional and territorial law or the proexisting law of Mexico.

The territory hereafter to be acquired, involuntary servitude, except for crime, is prohibited north of 36° 30', but shall not be prohibited by Congress or any territorial legislature south thereof.

The third section is altered for somewhat better security of property in transit.

The fifth section prohibits the importation of slaves from places beyond the limits of the United States.

The sixth section makes verbal changes in reference to fugitives by Congress, and the same relative to securing privileges and immunities.

The seventh section prohibits the elective franchise and the right to hold office to persons of the African race.

Eighth—That none of the amendments, nor the third paragraph of the second section of the first article of the Constitution, nor the third paragraph of the second section of the fourth article thereof, shall be amended or abolished without the consent of all the States.

The latter question was debated without action. Mr. Randolph concluded his speech.

Washington, March 19.

Senate.—Mr. Douglas's resolution was taken up.

Mr. Clingman thought the policy of the administration that of war; but if the police by peace, why not announce it? The silence of the administration was proof in him that it was its settled policy to invade the South, which up to this time, they have been studious in ignoring. We incline to the impression that these late recognizers of popular sovereignty are about the same as of their ancestors; for although political vagaries and the summersaults of political harlequins may astonish and amuse for a time, and when the cost of the amusement is not too great, there will be found a few who can see through much to bring about a state of things, as we now see, that was favorable to Italian Unity. So did the bringing of the Duchies of Tuscany, Parma, Modena, and Lucca under Austrian rule, though there is an immense work of consolidation, of construction, of training to be done, before the twenty-two millions of Italians now under the sceptre of Victor Emanuel will be thoroughly accustomed to the dominion of the constitution and the law. Almost everything is to be done, especially in the former "Kingdom of the Two Sicilies" and the Papal States, a sufficient time, unfortunately, the *schoolmaster is never been abroad*, and when the press has never been free until within a few months.

The Italians must learn to be patient. The lesson may ha hard, but it is a most important one. Their nation will be united, and Victor Emanuel will be crowned King of Capitoline Hill, and take up his abode in the City of the Cæsars. Tha day is not vary distant; but it cannot be hastened by impatience. This Cavour and most of the great men of Italy are fully aware of. No doubt not that Garibaldi himself is of the same thinking. Ha will probably, therefore, deem it best to stay for the present on the Island of Caprera, far away, by the side of the greater Island of Sardinia. Ha will be ready to fly to when the proper time comes.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

The Mohawk and Crusader have gone to the Gulf. The revenue vessels added to the fleet are intended to augment to a respectable coast guard. The Philadelphia will probably be used in case of the evacuation of Fort Sumter to bring its garrison to Old Point Comfort.

Washington, March 15.

The Southern Commissioners do not expect an answer for several days. It is understood the Cabinet now has their mission under consideration.

Great weight is attached in political circles to the declaration of Fessenden in the Senate, that the administration contemplates a policy of peace, and would exercise no authority not strictly in accordance with law, and not until ample time had been taken for the examination of the question in all its bearings.

Lieut. Georges G. Alexander and Jas. T. Harrison, surgeon in the Navy, were confirmed today, and C. Crosby is nominated as Minister to Guatemala. Holloway of Ind., is appointed Commissioner of Patents.

Washington, March 16.

Senate.—Mr. Rice, rising to a question of privilege, caused to be read a supplementary report of the House select committee on Indian trust bonds, in which they say there is not the slightest suspicion that that Senator was implicated in the abstraction, and that anything seeming to be a reflection upon him in their main report was entirely the result of a misapprehension.

Mr. Douglas's resolution, calling for information as to Southern forts, &c., was taken up, when the same was laid upon the table.

Mr. Douglas said he hoped the vote would be permitted to be taken on the resolution.

Mr. Wilson did not wish to suppress debate; he merely made the motion as a test question.

Mr. Douglas had heard it intimated that one or two Senators designed to speak.

At the suggestion of Mr. Powell the consideration of the resolution was passed over till Monday.

Mr. Hunter inquired of Mr. Fessenden when it was probable the Senate would be enabled to adjourn.

Mr. Fessenden said he had no knowledge on the subject. He did hear that a member of the Cabinet had said in a few days.

Mr. Mason moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of his resolution relative to quartering troops in Washington.

Mr. Fessenden moved to go into executive session, which prevailed—27 to 16.

The Senate afterwards adjourned.

Montgomery, Ala., March 16.

H. C. Jones and Nicholas Davis have been elected to Congress to supply vacancies. Congress adjourned to-night till the second Monday in May.

New York, March 18.

The Charleston correspondent of the Herald says the new tariff and Constitution are unsatisfactory.

The floating battery will be moved on Monday, but not toward Samter.

A Washington despatch to the Herald reports that Maj. Anderson informed the Government that if reinforcements be intended, Sou h Carolina would immediately fill the channels and render communication by water impossible.

The Cabinet consumed three hours to-day in relation to the seizure of the revenue cutter by Texas.

It is understood that the Administration has sent secret agents to different European governments to inform them of the future policy of this Government, thus forestalling and defeating the objects of the Southern Confederacy in sending their commissioners. The same course will be pursued relative to Mexico.

The Cabinet, as soon as the Southern forts affair is settled, will take into consideration the removal of the revenue. It is already decided that it should be collected, but the manner is the trouble.

Mr. Fay will probably be continued Minister to Switzerland. Mr. Thomas Hall will have the Mexican mission. Sherman has left for Ohio.

Wm. A. Howard will be postmaster at Detroit.

New York, March 18.

The Herald's Washington despatch states that Lieut. Putnam has arrived from Texas with despatches from Col. Lee, who has been instructed to withdraw from Texas and was concentrating his troops at Indianola. Col. W. will remain till all the troops have left. He has ordered all the officers in the hands of the Texas Commissioners, who allowed the necessary supplies to send the troops out of the State. The military property in the forts will be surrendered by Lieut. Thompson to Gen. Nichols, first insisting that the flag should be saluted. Ha had only fifteen men.

The steamer Arizona was ordered by her owners to wait at Indianola until after the steamer Gen. Rusk, which had Gen. Nichols on board, should pass her for Brazos, in order that the arrival should not take out the news of the intentions of the Texans. The Texas Rangers are stationed from Brazos to Brownsville, and it is anticipated that they will attempt to prevent the Government troops from taking away stores and artillery.

Washington, March 18.

Official despatches from the East Indies report no say that one of the vessels has been despatched to Ningpo for the purpose of finding out if possible the pirates who recently captured two American vessels.

The Pacific mail brought no information relative to the missing sloop-of-war Levant.

The last remittances from soy of the seceded States, on account of the customs, are a step toward the close of February—about $900 drafts on balances previously to secession, and through other than from customs, it is said they are hourly expected.

The Postoffice Department has been notified by contractors that the cheap one cent stamped envelopes, combining the new improvements of dissolving lines, are now ready for distribution. They are chiefly intended for circulars, and are issued in response to memorials from publishers.

Washington, March 18.

Senate.—The credentials of David Wilmot were presented. He was afterwards sworn in and took his seat.

The joint resolution of the Legislature of Indiana, requesting Congress to call a convention for amendments to the Constitution, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Douglas's resolution was taken up and Mr. Breckinridge spoke upon it.

Mr. Bingham spoke. In the present anxious and distracted condition of the country, the Senate should not adjourn without expressing an opinion on the policy of the Administration. Some advice tending to allay public apprehension. Opinions seemed divided as to the meaning of the inaugural. He was free to confess, and gratified to say, that its general features were for harmony and the prevention of bloodshed, but the policy which the President says he deems it his duty to pursue must result in bloodshed, unless the people of the South voluntarily desist. In the inaugural, very clearly set forth, is, that the President does not recognize, in any sense, the exist